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### In Memoriam

#### PERCY CLIFTON BURR

Percy Clifton Burr, 2nd son of Joseph Massey and Harriet Newell (Freeman) Burr, was born in Bellingham on September 9th, 1868. His home was the large two-story house his grandfather built at the Four Corners where the road running East from the centre joins the one running in from the North. This estate was for many years known as the Capt. Laban Burr Place, being one of seven houses built in that vicinity by *his* father Elisha Burr's family. It was about the middle of the 18th century that this Elisha's father (Elisha) and his brother Asa came over from Hingham, Mass., bought 700 acres of land from the Indians and made a new settlement. It was from the old Burr place on the North Road that Elisha II took his gun and rode down to join the Minute Men at the Battle of Concord on that memorable 18th of April, '75. "Cap'n Labe" received his commission in the War of 1812, and Joseph, of the 4th generation, served the entire duration of the Civil War. But for all that, the family was anything but war-like and clung steadfastly to the peaceful pursuits of life.

Many of the present residents of the town remember Percy as a bashful, reticent, but earnest-minded country boy attending school and church at the Centre, and as general chore boy for a while at "old George Nelson's." Nearly all the first pay he received went generously for a 50 cent box of fireworks which he carried down home that his mother and the younger children might see a beautiful Fourth of July celebration. It lasted two or three nights. The family never forgot the glory of that display, nor the unselfishness that made it possible.

In 1883, he moved to Franklin where he went to school for a while and then took a job in Snow's Straw Shop until the family removed to the part of Northbridge, Mass., known as Rockdale. Here he worked in the Cotton Mill two years, then went into the carpentering room of the Whitin Machine Works in Whitinsville.

His mother, named for the early missionary, Harriet Newell, spent her younger days in Providence and Boston. From her he inherited a student's thirst for knowledge and always read much in his leisure hours. He owed it to mother's christian character and high ideals that the family table always held a careful selection of choice reading matter.

Along down the line of paternal ancestors, ministers, lawyers, basket makers, and farmers, there came to the unpretentious boy a quiet, judicial type of mind that enabled him to achieve considerable education in spite of his few years of schooling.

Being always of sterling character and entirely reliable, and withal a "lad o' pairts," no one was much surprised when (although only 19) the Whitin Machine Co. chose him as one of a small group of men to represent the business in the South and to set up machinery in cotton mills through the Carolinas and Georgia.

After several years with the Machine Co., Percy took a better paying position in Cambridge, Mass., but had to give it up on account of fine dust from the manufacturing of piano keys, and went to Woonsocket, R. I., whither his family had moved from Whitinsville. During the serious business depression of 1896 he took a job on the Electric Street Railroad and was employed on the city lines in Woonsocket until the M. A. & W. road was opened in the fall of 1899. He then transferred and ran cars from the State Line to Wrentham and Plainville. He continued uninterrupted service on the various branches of this System during the whole 25 years of its existence. During

all those years he was "big brother" to all the boys on the road.

Space would not permit to write of the unceasing toil, endless pains, and conscientious effort he put into those 25 years as an operator, member of Board of Arbitration, and friend to every one whom he met.

In November, 1906, Percy bought the Lucinda Rockwood Hammond estate on West side of South Main Street in Bellingham Centre, opposite Soldiers' Monument. This brought his family back to their native town where he entered immediately into the interests of the Town and contributed freely from the rich resources of his mind, heart, and experience. He had a good memory and his well-ordered mind seemed to hold an inexhaustable supply of knowledge and wisdom and sound judgment which was of great use, particularly during the years when he held Town Offices.

He served on the Board of Selectmen from 1913 to 1914, and as clerk of the Board from 1916 to 1926; also as Overseer of the Poor from 1916 to 1926, and as Town Clerk from 1915 to 1926. As a Town Official, his workmanlike and sterling qualities, his painstaking devotion and self-sacrifice, showed themselves at all times to an extraordinary degree.

When death suddenly removed Mr. Henry Whitney from his almost life-long and honorable term of service to the Town, it was to Percy that his townspeople unanimously turned for help. And so he entered upon his last and greatest work of service to his people.

As the first pennies he earned went in thoughtful expenditure for the pleasure of others—so through life he gave his almost entire effort for the good of his family and those who came his way.

We have noted the principal changes in his business life, but after all, they seem of the least possible importance—for his friends remember him most of all as

our big, dependable Brother—to whom they could (and did) go safely with every possible problem. His wealth of information, his careful opinion, his friendly advice, was at all times invaluable to all who asked of him.

Having never married, the death of his beloved mother in 1921 left him alone in his home which he kept open to the call of all who needed help. His health steadily declined through the last few years, but he never laid down his task till his body collapsed after the recount of the election ballots in March, 1926. During the next 14 weeks of complete invalidism he used every ounce of strength to gather up the reins of service he could no longer hold and handed them over one by one for stronger arms to bear.

By the 14th of June he had been able to discharge his duties, to sell his home, and be moved to Wickford, R. I., to make his home with his sister and brother-in-law, Hon. and Mrs. Clarke Potter, where he hoped eventually to recover some measure of health. At the end of that week he had a relapse, but lingered till the evening of July 17th when he answered the call to the Life Eternal where all things are made new. He was brought to his home church on July 21st, where his beloved and devoted neighbors and friends repeated their generously expressed tributes of affection and esteem, and gave him burial in the family lot in the Centre Cemetery.

Percy walked through life in sincere and plain simplicity. The real wonder of the man lay in his conspicuous capacity for unmitigated devotion to lofty ideals, his native honesty, and rare wealth of intelligent wisdom.

### In Memoriam

#### WARREN E. FAIRBANKS

Few men have served this town as long and faithfully as Warren E. Fairbanks who died at 72 years of age last October, and no family has been more prominent than his in the north end of the town.

His great-grandfather Joseph Fairbanks came to Caryville in 1787, and started the cotton factory there in 1813, which he ran for 15 years. He was one of ten men who built the town house in 1800. Warren's father and uncle had the other chief industry of that village, the manufacture of men's boots, for 27 years, and employed at one time about 90 men.

Warren Fairbanks was educated in the schools of Caryville, Medway, Franklin, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After his father's death in 1875, he worked as a cutter in boot factories in several places for many years, and later in Boston for a jobber of cotton and woolen goods.

His unusual interest in public affairs, national as well as local, and natural qualification for understanding them, were early recognized by the town, which chose him the moderator of its annual meeting for 40 years. He was a selectman 4 years, an overseer 11 and chairman 8 years, and like his father and his uncle he represented the town in the Legislature.

His interest in fraternal organizations as well as public affairs was conspicuous, and he was a prominent Odd Fellow and Mason in the lodges of this vicinity.

He was unmarried but he and his sister always lived together in the house of their birth, and for many years his brother's family lived with them, in a home where many people liked to go. No one who knew him in any way can fail to feel our loss.

## TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1926

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### *Moderators*

WARREN E. FAIRBANKS

EDWIN F. TUTTLE

### *Town Clerk*

PERCY C. BURR (resigned)  
ERNEST E. BELCHER (resigned)  
HAROLD G. SACKETT

### *Town Treasurer*

WALTER H. THAYER

### *Selectmen*

HAROLD M. BULLARD, Chairman  
HIRAM E. CROOKS                      CHESTER H. RICHARDS

### *Assessors*

CARROL E. WHITE, Chairman  
Term expires March, 1928  
DANIEL J. DWYER, Clerk      Term expires March, 1927  
FRANK E. HOAR                      Term expires March, 1929

### *Overseers of Poor*

OTTO L. BULLARD, Chairman  
Term expires March, 1928  
PERCY C. BURR (resigned)      Term expires March, 1927  
RAYMOND R. DAVIS (Appointed)      (Resigned)  
HIRAM E. CROOKS (Appointed)  
WARREN E. WHITING                      Term expires March, 1929

*School Committee*

RUEL S. THAYER, Chairman	Term expires March, 1929
CORA E. RHODES	Term expires March, 1927
ESTHER D. COPELAND	Term expires March, 1928

*Auditor*

DAVID L. TUTTLE (Office abolished July 7, 1926)

*Collector of Taxes*

WALTER H. THAYER

*Tree Warden*

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

*Constables*

JOHN H. FOLEY	ALFRED J. NASH
ALFRED J. COREY	PALMER N. GREEN

*Cemetery Committee*

WESLEY E. HOWES	Term expires March, 1927
LEWIS E. WHITNEY	Term expires March, 1928
WILLIAM F. WALES	Term expires March, 1929

*Public Library Trustees*

SUSIE C. FAIRBANKS	Term expires March, 1927
MABEL E. BELCHER	Term expires March, 1927
ALICE JACK	Term expires March, 1928
MARION E. THAYER	Term expires March, 1928
ETHEL A. COOK	Term expires March, 1929
A. EVELYN SACKETT	Term expires March, 1929

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

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*Clerk of the Selectmen*

PERCY C. BURR (resigned)  
DAVID L. TUTTLE

*Town Bookkeeper Abolished July 12*

DAVID L. TUTTLE

*Town Accountant Term Expires July 12, 1929*

DAVID L. TUTTLE

*Superintendent of Streets*

STEPHEN E. SCOTT

*Forest Warden*

L. FRANCIS THAYER

*Local Superintendent of Moth Extermination*

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

*Fence Viewers*

MAURICE CONNOLLY      CLINTON O. WHITNEY  
CLARENCE W. HOYT

*Public Weighers*

HAROLD M. BULLARD	FRANCIS P. DIGGINS
HARRY E. CAMP	AARON W. HOBART
ALFRED CARRIER	L. FRANCIS THAYER
ROMEO CARRIER	RUEL S. THAYER

*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*

OTTO L. BULLARD	HIRAM E. CROOKS
HARRY E. CAMP	ARTHUR A. RHODES
L. FRANCIS THAYER	

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

ALFRED H. NASH

*Inspector of Animals*

CARROLL E. WHITE

*Inspector of Slaughtering*

CARROLL E. WHITE

*Memorial Day Committee*

CHESTER H. RICHARDS	HENRY PICKERING
CLARIBEL MACEY	

*Auctioneer*

CARROLL E. WHITE

*Dog Officer*

JOHN H. FOLEY

*Sextons*

WESLEY E. HOWES	WILLIAM F. WALES
LEWIS E. WHITNEY	

*Agent for the Burial of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors*

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

*Workman's Compensation Agent*

CHESTER H. RICHARDS

*Agent in Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves*

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

*Registrars of Voters*

MICHAEL F. RYAN, Chairman

Term expires March, 1927

THEODORE HENEALT

Term expires March, 1928

ROBERT H. HUNTER

Term expires March, 1929

PERCY C. BURR, Clerk (resigned)

ERNEST BELCHER, Clerk (resigned)

HAROLD G. SACKETT, Clerk

*Milk Inspectors*

CARROLL E. WHITE

*Field Drivers*

PATRICK BREEN

E. ARNOLD STAPLES

FRANCIS W. SULLIVAN

*Janitor of Town Hall*

ALFRED H. NASH

*Police Officers*

JOHN H. FOLEY, Chief

ROMEO CARRIER

JOSEPH COURNOYER

FABIAN CHAMBERLAND

WILLIAM E. PAINE

DAVID SMITH

EUGENE RIORDON

HAROLD M. BULLARD

EDGAR C. SCOTT

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

*Special Officers for July 4 and 5*

ALFRED H. NASH	JOHN H. FOLEY
FRANCIS SULLIVAN	DENNIS F. MURPHY
WILLIAM E. PAINE	ELROY T. STODDARD
DAVID SMITH	PALMER GREENE
ERNEST T. CAMP	JOSEPH COURNOYER
EUGENE B. RIORDON	ALFRED J. COREY
FABIAN CHAMBERLAND	J. ALBERT CARRIER
JAMES O'ROURKE	EDGAR C. SCOTT
ROMEO CARRIER	

*Other Special Officers*

JOHN CAMPBELL (Edison Electric Light Co.)  
 J. ALBERT CARRIER (Carrier Ice Houses)  
 CARROLL H. DROWN (Schools)  
 OSCAR F. ELDRIDGE (Box Pond)

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### DOGS LICENSED

In the year beginning December 1st, 1925:

Males, 269 at \$2.00 each.....	\$538.00
Females, 60 at \$5.00 each.....	300.00
Spayed, 10 at \$2.00 each.....	20.00
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$858.00
Clerk's fees, 339 at 20 cents.....	67.80
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Paid to County Treasurer.....	\$790.20

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### HUNTERS LICENSED IN BELLINGHAM

From January 1, 1926 to December 31, 1926:

89 Resident Citizens' Combination Certificates at \$2.25 each.....	\$200.25
3 Resident Citizens' Trapping Certificates at \$2.25 each.....	6.75
1 Non-Resident's Sporting Certificate at \$15.25 each.....	15.25
2 Non-Resident Citizens' Sporting Certificates at \$5.25 each.....	10.50
1 Alien's Sporting Certificate at \$15.25 each .....	15.25

2 Minor Trapping Certificates at 75 cents each .....	1.50	
1 Duplicate Certificate at 50 cents....	.50	
	<hr/>	\$250.00
99 Clerk's fees at 25 cents.....		24.75
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Paid to Mass. Division of Fisheries and Game .....		\$225.25

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#### TOWN HISTORIES

Sold to town people, 1.....	\$1.00	
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Paid Town Treasurer.....		\$1.00

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1926

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Date	Name	Name of Parents
1925		
December		
9.	Mary Harriet Dobbie	Harry and Annie (Breen)
1926		
January		
4.	Mary Blanche Julianne Dagasse	Aldor and Zelia (Legg)
5.	Helene Lucile Poulin	Aldor and Alice (Degrange)
7.	Marie Theresa Trottier	Arthur and Ella (Lamy)
12.	Mildred Louise Pleau	Nelson and Sophrina (Snay)
19.	William Lester Foley	Timothy and Anna (Buckley)
21.	Mary Bridget Breen	Joseph and Mary (Dinardo)
26.	Jean Margaret Buckley	James and Bridget (Dwyer)
28.	Mary Eliz. Therese Champagne	Hormisdas and Alphonsine (Masse)
February		
5.	Edward John Glowka	Joseph and Katria (Zemba)
8.	Marie Lea Rita Beauregard	Levi and Lea (Gilbeault)
12.	Guido Cubelis	Leonida and Speranza (Antiguana)
March		
6.	Helen Hoothay	Mike and Pauline (Gaula)
9.	Claire Esthel Tellier	Philibert and Jeanne (Malloux)
15.	Helena Skalubinski	Mickaloj and Katherine (Warozonski)
24.	Stillborn	
April		
7.	Dorothy Esther Campano	Lewis and Teresa (Miozza)
9.	Maurice Normand Le Blanc	Walter and Albina (Champagne)
18.	John Michalowsky	Stanley and Josephine (Kolowski)
21.	Normand Theodore Le Claire	Arthur and Beatrice (Therien)
May		
13.	Marie Anne Marguerite Therese Albani and Marie (Gagon) Cecile Racine	
17.	Lois Alberta Lunn	George and Grace (Peterson)
19.	Roger Dauphine	Wilfred and Laura (Chaput)
24.	Olga Melrose	George and Bertha (Clark)
24.	Dorothy May Monterio	Michael and Florence (Chabot)
29.	Mary Rousseau	Cyprian and Arthenise (Leveraque)
29.	Joseph Rodolph Emile Pelletier	Wilfred and Georgianna (Couchesne)

Date	Name	Name of Parents
June		
4.	Marie There Marguerite Daigle	Simeon and Lea (Gastonguay)
6.	Mary Mahaskhevick	Sam and Olga (Stakevitch)
8.	Joseph Paul Roland Cote	Hormisdas and Lea (Pelletier)
11.	Annette Larivieu	Albert and Josephine (Caron)
18.	Joseph Roland St. Gelais	Eugene and Clara (Hudon)
19.	———Osachuk	Michael and Anna (Fugar)
July		
2.	Howard Russell Burr	Harold and Olive (Briggs)
6.	Phyllis June Sherman	Philip and Lillian (Tempest)
12.	Cecile Marie Doris Chamberland	Fabian and Alexina (Bourfice)
14.	Ovide Bernier	Urban and Rose (Desjardins)
14.	Oliver Bernier	Urban and Rose (Desjardins)
14.	Halsey Alvin Staples	Halsen and Helen (Rhodes)
23.	James Miller Colt	James and Ester (Ekberg)
August		
2.	Gladys Lewinsky	Walter and Sophia (Nodolna)
8.	Frances Romeo Godin	Alfred and Stella (Syweck)
9.	Henri Joseph Donat Fleurette	Donat and Blanche (Bussiere)
9.	Joseph Paul Noel Tafard	Antoine and Emilieinne (Rondeau)
10.	Joseph Normand Albert Lemire	Henry and Viola (St. Amant)
14.	Pauline Edith Patrick	Ray and Anna (Boivin)
21.	Helen Hanson	Joseph and Mildred (Misitska)
28.	Pauline Olive Grenon	Wilfred and Marion (Long)
September		
2.	Joseph William Emile Barrette	Paul and Dora (Ferland)
5.	Robert Walter Bouchard	Walter and Rowena (Dillman)
22.	Prudence Muriel Levesque	Arthur and Alice (Vincent)
27.	Claire Merena Remillard	Wilfred and Leda (Vadnais)
October		
4.	Wilfred William Brin	Conrad and Alice (Moeson)
8.	Barbara Elizabeth Glockner	Ludwig and Marie (Nelson)
10.	———Mazdraki	Charles and Rose (Fontaine)
12.	Norman Whiting Rhodes	Arthur and Mildred (Whiting)
14.	Marie Alice Anna Bousquet	Joseph and Anna (Plante)
15.	Jos. Alphene Alphonse Remillard	Joseph and Merena (Chapeit)
17.	Joseph Petrofsky	Steven and Efronsia (Warona)
18.	Therese Menard	Ernest and Denise (Trahan)
19.	Marie Constance Cecile Trudeau	Albert and Rose (Carleton)
November		
1.	Edward Henry Trottier	Frederick and Medora (Lussier)
25.	Victor Joseph Deneault	Arthur and Victoria (Prouix)
26.	Jeanne Elizabeth Thayer	Earl and Hilda (Thayer)
December		
1.	———Vandal	Emile and Irene (Gaudet)
3.	Walter Francis Nodolna	Alexander and Brenslara (Pupeck)
18.	Marie Pauline Theresa Bouvier	Conrad and Christiana (Gosselin)
23.	Victoria Alexander	John and Mary (Saleska)

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1926

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Date	Name	Residence	Married By
Jan. 3.	Daniel Joseph Breen Marie Zelia Fougere	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. J. Lee, in Bellingham, Mass.
Jan. 11.	James Miller Colt Esther Elizabeth Ekberg	Bellingham, Mass. Norfolk, Mass.	Rev. Charles F. Westman, in Franklin, Mass.
Jan. 21.	William Edward Cotter Anna Marie Olsen	Franklin, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. Isaac V. Lobdell, in Attleboro, Mass.
Feb. 9.	Theodore Beaudette Celina Provost	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. D. L. Lussier, in Woonsocket, R. I.
April 16.	Telesphore Ledoux Marie (Selvail) Lebrun	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. C. Villiard, in Woonsocket, R. I.
May 3.	Emile Paquin Cecile Morin	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. W. A. Prince, in Woonsocket, R. I.
May 22.	Paul Barrette Dora (Farland) Harpin	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. L. W. West, in Milford, Mass.
June 1.	Arthur Victor Bernier Germaine Senn	Bellingham, Mass. No. Smithfield, R. I.	Rev. W. J. Trehill, in No. Smithfield, R. I.
June 13.	Armand Lustenberger Clarinda Rattie	Wrentham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. L. P. Dumas, in Franklin, Mass.
June 13.	Elden Barrows Lillian May Arsenault	Milford, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. J. Lee, in Medway, Mass.
June 21.	Omer Ernest Harpin Alice Guerin	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. N. W. G. Gaulin, in Woonsocket, R. I.
June 26.	Harold Fredrick Nash Marjorie Lillian Winant	Bellingham, Mass. Medway, Mass.	Rev. D. Crockett, in Medway, Mass.
June 28.	Joseph Louis Bolduc Julia Marion Riordan	Boston, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. J. Lee, in Bellingham, Mass.
June 28.	Omer Joseph Rogers Alfreda Lawrence	Pascoag, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. N. J. Plasse, in Woonsocket, R. I.
Aug. 15.	Harold Parker Oliver Elizabeth Bolton Dailey	Medway, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. J. Lee, in Medway, Mass.
Aug. 16.	Harold Douglas Evers Marion Delia Fougere	Milford, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. R. M. Tuscher, in Medway, Mass.

Date	Name	Residence	Married by
Aug. 16.	Howard Ernest Arnold Esther L. Houghton	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. S. G. Wood, in Boston, Mass.
Sept. 6.	Raymond Langlois Bernadette Auger	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. D. B. Brunelle, in Woonsocket, R. I.
Sept. 7.	Hector Joseph Houle Marie Louise Celina Pellerin	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. G. Laverdiere in Woonsocket, R. I.
Sept. 25.	Adolph Murat Rosalie Mary Neunlist	E. Blackstone, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. N. J. Plasse, in Woonsocket, R. I.
Oct. 2.	James Vernett Leggett Eda Grace Huening	Schenectady, N. Y. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. A. F. Murray, in Bellingham, Mass.
Oct. 5.	Alfred Joseph Genereux Ella Dalpe	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. N. J. Plasse, in Woonsocket, R. I.
Oct. 25.	Giovanni Leonardi Clara Tenori	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. Emilo Greco, in Woonsocket, R. I.
Oct. 31.	Michael Henry Murphy Mary Ann Macy	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. J. Lee, in Medway, Mass.
Nov. 3.	Onias Jolicoeur Marie Helene Elva Arcaud	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. D. B. Brunelle, in Woonsocket, R. I.
Nov. 11.	Robert Bottomley Doris Merrill	Blackstone, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. C. B. Osborne, in Bellingham, Mass.
Dec. 4.	Chester Albert Gaskill Vera Estelle Estey	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. L. M. West, in Milford, Mass.
Dec. 25.	Seth Schofield Kelly Mary Hiscock	Blackstone, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. C. F. Westman, in Franklin, Mass.

## DEATHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1926

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Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
January					
11.	Helen Rita Dore.....	—	6	—	Bronchial Pneumonia
14.	Clara A. Rhodes Hancock.....	58	1	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
February					
6.	Robert Freidenberg .....	15	10	—	Lobar Pneumonia
18.	Lillian Jeanette Bouvier.....	2	4	2	Meningitis-Bronchial Pneumonia
24.	William Arthur Coombs.....	64	4	15	Cancer of Liver
March					
11.	George L. Davis.....	57	10	—	Apoplexy
15.	Thomas J. Whalen, Jr.....	38	—	—	Bronchial Pneumonia
24.	Stillborn .....	—	—	—	
29.	Edgar Malcolm Scott.....	83	10	9	Odema of Lungs—Cardiac exhaustion
April					
4.	Joseph Archibald Thibedeau....	29	7	4	Tuberculosis of Lungs
4.	Eliza Pickney Gilman.....	73	9	6	Heart Disease, Coronary Sclerosis
8.	John Julian .....	55	10	3	Broncho Pneumonia
10.	Helena Skalubinski .....	—	—	26	Lobar Pneumonia
13.	Samuel Baader .....	76	4	6	Heart Disease, Sudden Death
17.	Mary Murphy Ryan.....	76	10	—	Dry Gangrene following Myocarditis
27.	Joseph Cassidy .....	55	—	—	Lobar Pneumonia
May					
10.	Jessie E. Cook Cox.....	51	11	23	Hemorrhage, Spontaneous, of the brain
17.	Pauline Morin Marceau.....	61	4	7	Carcinoma of Stomach
18.	Albert F. Benoit.....	73	2	12	Nutrital Regeneration and Chronic Nephritis
27.	Adeline S. Wilcox Scott.....	83	6	28	Cancer of Uterus
28.	Marie Chamberland Rousseau..	41	—	14	Heart Disease and Pulmo- nary Oedema
28.	Mary Rousseau .....	—	—	5	Min.—Premature Birth

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Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
July					
8.	Joseph Chamberland .....	62	—	—	Acute Cardiac Failure— Myocarditis
17.	Percy C. Burr.....	57	10	8	Edema of Lungs, Heart Lesion
23.	George Cummings MacMaster..	92	6	3	Myocardial Insufficiency
24.	Phyllis June Sherman.....	—	—	3	Hemorrhage Disease of Newly Born
25.	Tozefa Wojdylak .....	72	—	—	Sarsonia Bowels, Intestinal Obstruction
27.	Henry Huening .....	60	6	21	Annervism of Aorta, Chron- ic Nephritis
August					
9.	Henri Fleuette .....	—	—	4	Tumor of Back
13.	George E. Hawes .....	67	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
31.	Harriet Louise Keyser.....	61	3	10	Nitral Valvular Disease
October					
10.	Stillborn .....	—	—	—	
13.	Barbara Elizabeth Glockner.....	—	—	6	Convulsions
15.	Emery Bannister Whiting.....	73	5	13	Hemiplegia
15.	Warren E. Fairbanks.....	72	1	17	Lobar Pneumonia
December					
15.	Chrystone Thibeault .....	85	10	15	Pleurisy

## NOTICE

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after the birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town in which such child is born.

Blanks can be obtained on application to the Town Clerk.

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists, and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the Town Clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

*Town Clerk.*

## TOWN OF BELLINGHAM JURY LIST, 1926

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Ernest E. Belcher	Mill Operative	North Main Street
Arthur V. Bernier	Carpenter	Wrentham Street
Harry E. Camp	Grocer	Hartford Avenue
Thomas Collins	Painter	Mechanic Street
Hiram E. Crooks	Lumber Dealer	Cross Street
Francis P. Diggins	Clerk (General Store)	Hartford Avenue
Daniel J. Dwyer	Clerk	Hartford Avenue
Charles S. Foley	Mill Operative	Hartford Avenue
Albert E. Hall	Caretaker (Golf Club)	Paine Street
Octave Harpin	Mill Operative	Centre Street
Thomas J. Heffernan	Mill Operative	Hartford Avenue
Frank E. Hoar	Retired	Paine Street
John R. Kennelly	Clerk (Market)	Maple Street
Frederick Leek	Riding Master	North Main Street
Fred Longton	Street Railway Conductor	South Main Street
Treffle Marchand	Mill Operative	Centre Street
Harry W. Metcalf	Mill Operative	Maple Street
Frederic Monty	Tool Maker	Centre Street
Alfred H. Nash	Janitor	Common
Angelo Perri	Farmer	Hartford Avenue
Charles E. Richards	Clerk (Market)	Center Street
Michael F. Ryan	Mill Operative	Hartford Avenue
Walter H. Thayer	Painter	South Main Street
Edwin F. Tuttle	Organizer	Hartford Avenue
Charles H. Walmsley	Laborer	Centre Street
Charles R. Weeks	Painter	Hartford Avenue
Carroll E. White	Farmer	Mendon Street
Willie L. Cook	Clerk	Mechanic Street
Elmer M. Crooks	Lumber Dealer	Lake Street
William R. Naughton	Mill Operative	Pearl Street

## TOWN WARRANT

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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Norfolk, ss.*

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,  
Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote on Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 3, in said Bellingham, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1926, at 6 o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the Election Officers for the following Town Officers:

Town Clerk, for the term of one year.

Town Treasurer, for the term of one year.

Three Selectmen, for the term of one year.

Collector of Taxes, for the term of one year.

Town Auditor, for the term of one year.

Tree Warden, for the term of one year.

Four Constables, for the term of one year.

One Assessor of Taxes, for the term of three years.

One Overseer of the Poor, for the term of three years.

One Member of the School Committee, for the term of three years.

One Member of the Cemetery Committee, for the term of three years.

Two Public Library Trustees, for the term of three years.

One Public Library Trustee, for the term of two years, to fill vacancy.

The polls will be open at 6 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

### **Subsequent Meeting**

AND ALSO: To meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham on 15th day of March, A. D. 1926 at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in this meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Boards and other Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 3. To vote appropriations for the following purposes, or act or do anything thereto: 1. For the expense of the Public Schools Department. 2. For the Overseers of the Poor, including expenses of the Town Farm, Almshouse and Outside Aid. 3. For Aid to Mothers with Dependent Children. 4. For maintenance of the Bellingham Free Public Library. 5. For the Board of Health. 6. For Cemeteries. 7. For a Contingency and Deficiency Fund. 8. For Forest Fires and Equipment. 9. For fires and Compensation to other Towns for aid in Fighting Fires. 10. For Highways (Guideboards). 11. For Highways (General Repairs). 12. For Highways (Permanent Work). 13. For Highways (Bridges and Railings). 14. For Highways (Sidewalks). 15. For Highways (Snow work). 16. For Incidentals. 17. For Indigent Soldiers' Aid. 18. For Interest. 19. For Insurance. 20. For Memorial Day Observance. 21. For Moth Extermination. 22. For the Police Department. 23. For Printing. 24. For Repairs to Town Buildings. 25. For Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves. 26. For State

Aid. 27. For Street Lighting. 28. For Town Officers' Pay. 29. For Tree Warden.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current year, beginning January 1, 1926, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes therefor in the name of the Town.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to pay any unpaid bills of 1925 that may be presented.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to pay for the surety bonds for such town officers as are required to be bonded.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thirteen and 73/100 Dollars (\$613.73), for the payment of the Town's Apportionment of the cost of maintenance of the Norfolk County Hospital, under Chapter III, Section 85, of the General Laws, or take any action thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish as the salary of the Overseers of the Poor, the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per year appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a yearly salary of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the Tax Assessors, or do anything thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Town Clerk, or act or do anything thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any money for the Woonsocket District Nurses' Association, or act or do anything thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to close and sell the Town Farm and Almshouse, and board out the

dependents they may have, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to employ the Johnson Bus Lines, Inc., to carry the school children from the South Main Street section to and from the Centre School House, who are now transported by L. F. Thayer, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for installing additional lights in the Centre School House, or act or do anything thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) to install a drain on South Main Street, to take care of water drained on the Dr. Randall property, or act or do anything thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept deeds of Muron Avenue and Pine Grove Avenue, so called, situated in the south part of the Town; as prayed for in a petition of the property owners of that section, dated February 15, 1926, or take any action thereto.

Article 17. To see what action the Town will take to appropriate Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to gravel Maple Street in North Bellingham from Pine Street to Quah Hill.

Article 18. To see what action the Town will take to continue the street lights on Maple Street from the corner of Pine Street to the residence of George Melrose.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to install street lights on High Street, from North Main Street to the residences of John Svendon and Samuel Thibedeau, or take any action thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to install additional street lights on Mendon Street, from the end of

the present line to Mendon Town line, or act or do anything thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to install and Maintain Additional Street Lights on Hartford Avenue from the end of the present line to the Bellingham-Mendon town line, or act or do anything thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to install and maintain one street light on Centre Street, between the present line and the junction of South Main Street, or do anything thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to pay the amount due for digging well and installing electric pump, water piping, etc., in the South Bellingham School House.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any money to pay for the installing of the State accounting system, voted to be installed by the Town at the last annual town meeting.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to elect a Moderator annually, to serve for a term of one year, as provided in Section 14, Chapter 39 of the General Laws.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to provide for the appointment of Finance Committee, or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town, seven days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town, at

the time of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands at Bellingham, this Fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1926.

WILFRED N. DUFRESNE,  
TIMOTHY E. FOLEY,  
HAROLD M. BULLARD,

*Selectmen of Bellingham.*

*Norfolk, ss.*

March 15, 1926.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Bellingham to meet at the time, place and for the purpose within stated by posting attested copies of said Warrant at all the designated places seven days before said meeting.

Attest:

JOHN H. FOLEY,

*Constable of Bellingham.*

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen at Bellingham, February 15, 1926, the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, met at their respective voting places in Precincts 1, 2 and 3, and proceeded to cast their ballots for town officials, on the first day of March, 1926.

All Instruction and Penalty Cards and Specimen Ballots having been posted according to law and the election officers having been duly sworn to their duties, the ballot boxes were examined and found correct.

They were then locked and the keys given in charge of the precinct warden.

The ballots were given to the clerks and the polls were open at 6 o'clock A. M. At one o'clock fifty ballots were

taken from the boxes and counting began. At 6:30 o'clock P. M. the polls were closed after which the counting was finished. All check lists were found to correspond with the numbers registered and with the number of ballots found in the boxes.

After counting, all ballots with their tally sheets were put in their envelopes, and with the total tally sheets and check lists were locked in the boxes and conveyed to the Town House where the results were canvassed by the Registrars and recorded by the Town Clerk as follows:

Total number of ballots cast in the whole town, 722.  
Total number of ballots cast in Precinct 1, 190. Precinct 2, 231. Precinct 3, 301.

# THE VOTE

By Precincts

## Town Clerk

Precinct	1	2	3	Total
Percy C. Burr.....	157	193	215	565
Blanks .....	33	38	86	157
Totals .....	190	231	301	723

## Town Treasurer

Walter H. Thayer.....	141	162	201	504
Blanks .....	49	69	100	218
Totals .....	190	231	301	722

## Selectmen

Josaphat O. Bernier.....	12	4	61	77
Harold M. Bullard.....	110	169	59	328
Hiram E. Crooks.....	65	23	146	234
Wilfred N. Dufresne.....	45	15	169	229
Daniel J. Dwyer.....	46	138	19	203
Octave Harpin .....	19	2	133	154
Arthur B. Martell.....	25	2	115	142
Chester H. Richards.....	136	161	47	344
Blanks .....	112	179	154	445
Totals .....	570	693	903	2,166

*Tax Assessor for Three Years*

Frank E. Hoar.....	52	42	191	285
Clarence W. Hoyt.....	104	96	82	282
Blanks .....	34	93	28	155
Totals .....	190	231	301	722

*Overseer of the Poor for Three Years*

Warren E. Whiting.....	136	120	195	451
Blanks .....	54	111	106	271
Totals .....	190	231	301	722

*School Committee for Three Years*

Amy F. Estes.....	44	17	86	147
Ruel S. Thayer.....	134	173	143	450
Blanks .....	12	41	72	125
Totals .....	190	231	301	722

*Town Auditor*

Estella A. Paine.....	86	51	98	235
David L. Tuttle.....	75	99	93	267
Blanks .....	29	81	110	220
Totals .....	190	231	301	722

*Collector of Taxes*

Walter H. Thayer.....	148	151	207	506
Blanks .....	42	80	94	216
Totals .....	190	231	301	722

*Tree Warden*

Lewis E. Whitney.....	146	120	171	437
Blanks .....	44	111	130	285
Totals .....	190	231	301	722

*Two Library Trustees for Three Years*

Ethel A. Cook.....	121	88	175	384
A. Evelyn Sackett.....	128	106	120	354
Blanks .....	131	268	307	706
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Totals .....	380	462	602	1,444

*One Library Trustee for Two Years to Fill Vacancy*

Alice M. Jacks.....	115	94	176	385
Blanks .....	75	137	125	337
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Totals .....	190	231	301	722

*Cemetery Committee*

William F. Wales.....	111	94	175	380
Blanks .....	79	137	126	342
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Totals .....	190	231	301	722

*Four Constables*

Fabian Chamberland .....	43	26	186	255
Alfred J. Corey.....	90	54	202	346
John H. Foley.....	96	175	82	353
Palmer N. Green.....	51	29	201	281
Alfred H. Nash.....	136	85	56	277
Eugene B. Reardon.....	58	146	24	228
Philip Wasylyszyn .....	29	8	103	140
Blanks .....	257	401	305	1,008
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Totals .....	760	924	1,204	2,888

## PRECINCT OFFICERS

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### Precinct No. 1

Warden, Chester A. Gaskill; Deputy Warden, Clinton O. Whitney; Clerk, Ernest A. Aldrich; Deputy Clerk, Frederick Leek; Inspectors, Carroll E. White, Robert H. Hunter; Deputy Inspectors, Henry S. Fisk, George D. Nourse.

### Precinct No. 2

Warden, Michael F. Ryan; Deputy Warden, Timothy Allen; Clerk, Samuel W. Baader; Deputy Clerk, Warren E. Fairbanks; Inspectors, Maurice J. Connelly, John J. Desmond, 2nd; Deputy Inspectors, Charles R. Weeks, Jeremiah Kennelly, Eugene B. Riordon.

### Precinct No. 3

Warden, John McCarthy; Deputy Warden, Leo. A. Murray; Clerk, Arthur J. Trottier; Deputy Clerk, Albert G. Mowry; Inspectors, Charles E. Richards, Fred M. Rhodes; Deputies, Mrs. Grace Glatkie, Bernie Murray, Mrs. Arthur Wales, Fabian Chamberland, Police.

A true copy.

Attest:

PERCY C. BURR,

*Town Clerk.*

## RECOUNT OF VOTES

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Upon a petition for a recount of votes cast for Assessor, March 1, 1926, signed by eleven legal voters, the Board of Registrars set March 9, 1926, at eight o'clock P. M. in the Town House for this recount.

At the time appointed all interested parties being present, the recount was made, as asked for with the following results:

Precinct	1	2	3	Total
Frank E. Hoar.....	51	42	194	287
Clarence W. Hoyt.....	104	96	84	284
Blanks .....	35	93	23	151
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Total .....	190	231	301	722

A True Record

Attest:

PERCY C. BURR,

*Town Clerk.*

## SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 15, 1926

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Agreeable to a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen dated at Bellingham, February 15, 1926, the inhabitants of said Bellingham qualified by law to vote in town affairs met in the Town Hall on March 15, 1926, at 8 o'clock P. M. and proceeded to act on the articles of said warrant as follows:

Article 1. The meeting was called to order by Selectman Chester H. Richards who read the warrant. By unanimous vote Warren E. Fairbanks was chosen Moderator for this meeting. Mr. Fairbanks took the chair and Timothy E. Foley was chosen as Clerk Pro Tempore.

Article 2. The reports of Town Clerk, Selectmen, Memorial Day Committee, Board of Registrars, Auditor, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Public Library Trustees and School Committee were accepted as printed and it was so voted.

Article 3. Item 1. On motion of R. S. Thayer, voted that thirty-five thousand, five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for public schools. 2. On motion of A. E. Bullard, voted that eight thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for Overseers of Poor. 3. On motion of Warren E. Whiting it was voted that fifteen hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Aid to Mothers with Dependent Children. 4. On motion of C. E. White voted that five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the Public Library. 5. On motion of R. Estes it was voted that three hundred fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the Board of Health. 6. On motion of C. E.

White, voted that two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for cemeteries. 7. On motion of R. Estes, voted that five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Contingency and Deficiency Fund. 8. On motion of W. H. Thayer, voted that eight hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for forest fires and equipment. 9. On motion of W. N. Dufresne, voted that five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for fires and compensation to other towns, two hundred dollars to be paid to Woonsocket Firemen's Relief Association. 10. Guideboards. Passed Over. 11. On motion of J. O. Bernier, voted that seven thousand three hundred fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for General Repairs of Highways. 12. Motion of A. E. Bullard to appropriate six thousand dollars for permanent work on Highways amended by W. Dufresne, to read to expend two thousand dollars on each section, i. e., North Main Street, Hartford Avenue and Centre Street. Amendment not accepted. On original motion voted that six thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for Permanent Work on Highways. 13. On motion of J. O. Bernier, voted that five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Bridges and Railings. 14. Sidewalks. Voted to pass over this article. 15. On motion of W. H. Thayer, voted that three thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for Snow Work on Highways. 16. On motion of R. Estes, voted that eight hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Incidentals. 17. Indigent Soldiers' Aid. Voted to pass over this article. 18. On motion of R. Estes, voted that three thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for Interest. 19. On motion of R. Estes, voted that five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for insurance. 20. On motion of J. O. Bernier, voted that one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance. 21. On motion of W. H. Thayer, voted that two hundred fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for Moth Extermination. 22. On motion of C. E. White, voted that

one thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the Police Department. 23. On motion of W. H. Thayer, voted that eight hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for printing. 24. On motion of W. H. Thayer, voted that one thousand two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Repairs of Town Buildings. 25. On motion of R. Estes, voted that thirty dollars be raised and appropriated for care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves. 26. On motion of R. Davis, voted that two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for State Aid. 27. On motion of W. H. Thayer voted that four thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for Street Lighting. 28. On motion of J. O. Bernier, voted that four thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for Town Officers' Pay. 29. Motion by R. Estes that one hundred dollars be appropriated for Tree Warden, amended by C. E. White to read four hundred dollars. Amendment accepted. Vote on amendment that four hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for Tree Warden carried.

Article 4. Upon motion of W. H. Thayer, voted that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1926, not to exceed the limit allowed by law, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 5. Voted to pass over this article.

Article 6. On motion of W. N. Dufresne, voted that the town pay for the surety bonds of the Town Officers as are required to be bonded.

Article 7. On motion of W. H. Thayer, voted that six hundred thirteen dollars and seventy-three cents be raised and appropriated for the Town's Apportionment of the cost of maintenance of the Norfolk County Hospital.

Article 8. Voted to lay on table.

Article 9. Moved by C. E. White that the salary of the assessors be fixed at five dollars per day. Amended by R. Estes to read, that the salary of the assessors be established at three hundred dollars per year. Amendment defeated. On original motion, voted that the salary of Assessors of Taxes be established at five dollars per day.

Article 10. On motion of J. O. Bernier, voted that the salary of the Town Clerk be increased to two hundred dollars per annum.

Article 11. On motion of J. O. Bernier, voted that one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the Woonsocket District Nurses' Association.

Article 12. Passed over. Taken up later.

Article 13. Motion of R. Estes, that the pupils be transported by Johnson Bus Lines, after various remarks, voted on motion of E. F. Tuttle to lay on the table.

Article 14. Article discharged from warrant on motion of W. H. Thayer.

Article 15. On motion of J. O. Bernier, voted that one hundred fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for a drain at Dr. Randall's place on South Main Street.

Article 16. On motion of Henry Houde, voted that the Town accept the deeds to Muron Avenue and Pine Grove Avenue, situated in the south part of the Town.

Article 17. On motion of C. E. White, voted that five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to gravel Maple Street from Pine Street to Quah Hill.

Article 18. Motion of A. E. Bullard to pass over defeated by vote of yes 22, no 31. On motion of C. E. White, voted that street lights be installed on Maple Street to Quah Hill.

Article 19. On motion of C. E. White, voted that three street lights be installed on High Street.

Article 20. On motion of O. Russen, amended by C. E. White, voted that five lights be installed on Mendon Street.

Article 21. On motion of E. F. Tuttle, voted that street lights be installed on Hartford Avenue to the Mendon line. Vote yes 55, no 21.

Article 22. On motion of Mrs. Bodreau, voted that one street light be installed on Centre Street between the present line and the junction of South Main Street.

Article 23. On motion of J. O. Bernier, voted that two hundred fifty dollars be raised and appropriated to pay the amount due for digging well and installing water supply in South Bellingham School House.

Article 24. Voted to dismiss from warrant.

Article 25. Motion of J. O. Bernier to lay on table defeated. On motion of C. E. White, voted that the Moderator be elected annually, to serve for a term of one year. On motion of E. F. Tuttle, voted that the salary of the Moderator be fixed at twenty-five dollars per annum.

Article 26. On motion of E. F. Tuttle, voted that the Moderator be instructed to appoint a Finance Committee of nine members, three from each voting precinct, to act as a Finance Committee.

Article 12. On motion of E. F. Tuttle, Article 12 was taken from the table. On motion of Mr. Tuttle that a committee of three, one from each Precinct be appointed by the Moderator to act in conjunction with the Overseers of Poor to investigate the advisability of disposing of the Town Farm and Almshouse and report at the next annual Town Meeting. Amended by R. Estes to read to report

at a Special Town Meeting. Amendment accepted by Mr. Tuttle, and it was voted as amended.

On motion of A. E. Bullard, voted to dissolve the Warrant.

Attest:

T. E. FOLEY,

*Town Clerk, pro tempore.*

A true copy,

Attest:

PERCY C. BURR,

*Town Clerk.*

Committees appointed by the Moderator under the vote taken on Article 12 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting held March 15, 1926.

Maurice J. Connelly.....Precinct 2  
Walter E. Cooke.....Precinct 1  
Charles F. Whipple.....Precinct 3

*Finance Committee*

Appointed by the Moderator under authority of vote taken on Article 26 of the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting held March 15, 1926.

Precinct No. 1

L. Francis Thayer, Temporary Chairman; Harold G. Sackett, Ernest E. Belcher.

Precinct No. 2

Addison E. Bullard, John J. Desmond, 2nd, Timothy E. Foley.

Precinct No. 3

Waldo I. Cook, Alfred G. Mowry, Arthur B. Martell.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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In accordance with a Warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen at Bellingham, June 28, 1926, the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, met at the Town Hall, July 7, 1926, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to act on the articles of said Warrant as follows:

The Town Clerk opened the meeting, read the Warrant and called for action under Article I. The motion was made to nominate E. F. Tuttle for Moderator and on motion of W. E. Fairbanks, duly seconded, the Town Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for said nominee. Mr. Tuttle being duly elected took the chair.

Voted to take up Article 2 next.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the committee appointed by the Moderator to consider, in conjunction with the Overseers of Poor, the advisability of selling the Town Farm, or act or do anything in relation thereto. No members of this committee being present, no report was heard. On motion of A. B. Martell this committee was discharged. On motion of Wilfred Dufresne it was voted to elect from the floor, three voters, one from each precinct, to work in conjunction with the Overseers of Poor to consider the advisability of selling the Town Farm and to report at a Town Meeting.

Nominations of committee. Hiram E. Crooks from Precinct 1, by O. E. Harpin. Timothy E. Foley from Precinct 2, by C. E. White. Richard J. Jacks from Precinct 3, by Wilfred Dufresne.

On motion of R. M. Estes, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for the three nominees, which was done and they were declared elected. Motion of W. E. Fairbanks, it was voted to instruct H. E. Crooks to call the committee together.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$442.42 to balance overdrafts of 1925. On motion of C. E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate the said sum.

Article 3. On motion of W. E. Fairbanks it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$649.61 in addition to the \$3000.00 appropriation for snow and ice removal.

Article 4. On motion of W. E. Whiting it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 in addition to the \$350.00 Board of Health Appropriation.

Article 5. On motion of W. E. Whiting it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 in addition to the \$1500.00 appropriation for Mothers with Dependent Children.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4968.17 to reimburse the different appropriations for bills of 1924 and 1925, by motion of R. J. Jacks.

Article 7. On motion of W. E. Whiting it was voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41 General Laws and to abolish the office of Town Auditor.

Article 8. On motion of W. H. Thayer it was voted to establish as the salary of the Town Accountant the sum of \$400.00 per year, and to raise and appropriate \$200.00 for balance of year 1926.

Article 9. On motion of W. E. Fairbanks it was voted to change the appropriation made at the annual Town Meeting on March 15, which reads as follows:

Voted that \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for fires and compensation to other towns for aid in fighting fires, \$200.00 of this to be paid to the Woonsocket Firemen's Relief Association to read:

"\$500.00 be raised and appropriated for fires and compensation to other towns for aid in fighting fires, \$200.00 to pay a fireman or firemen for services rendered inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham during the year 1926, with the request that this sum of money be turned over to the Woonsocket Firemen's Relief Association."

Article 10. On motion of J. O. Bernier it was voted to change the appropriation made at the annual Town Meeting on March 15, 1926, which reads as follows: Voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the Woonsocket Public Nursing Association.

To read

"Voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 to be paid a nurse or nurses for services rendered to inhabitants of the town of Bellingham, during the year 1926, with the request that this sum of money be turned over to the Woonsocket Public Nursing Association."

On motion of W. E. Fairbanks the Warrant was dissolved at 9:15 o'clock P. M.

A True Copy of Record,

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

*Town Clerk.*

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were presented to the voters as each article was acted upon.

# STATE PRIMARY, SEPT. 14, 1926

By Precincts

## The Republican Vote

### Governor

	1	2	3	Total
Alvan Fuller .....	43	11	41	95
Blanks .....	5	4	4	13
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

### Lieutenant-Governor

Frank G. Allen.....	40	11	41	92
Blanks .....	8	4	4	16
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

### Secretary

Frederic W. Cook.....	39	12	39	90
Blanks .....	9	3	6	18
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

### Treasurer

William S. Youngman.....	36	12	38	86
Blanks .....	12	3	7	22
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Auditor*

Alonzo B. Cook.....	35	11	39	85
Blanks .....	13	4	6	23
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Attorney-General*

Elijah Adlow .....	10	7	16	33
Alexander Lincoln .....	6	3	13	22
Arthur K. Reading.....	22	4	9	35
Blanks .....	10	1	7	18
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Senator in Congress*

William M. Butler.....	41	13	38	92
Blanks .....	7	2	7	16
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Congressman Thirteenth District*

Robert Luce .....	37	11	38	86
Blanks .....	11	4	7	22
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Councillor Seventh District*

Pehr G. Holmes.....	34	11	34	79
Blanks .....	14	4	11	29
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Senator Fourth Worcester District*

Elbert M. Crockett.....	34	13	35	82
Blanks .....	14	2	10	26
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Representative in General Court, Twelfth Norfolk  
District*

George L. L. Allen.....	42	13	20	75
George Peirce .....	6	1	10	17
Wilfred N. Dufresne.....	0	0	11	11
Blanks .....	0	1	4	5
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*County Commissioner Norfolk County*

Fredrick Leavitt .....	38	12	32	82
Blanks .....	10	3	13	26
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Two Associate Commissioners Norfolk County*

Walter E. Piper.....	29	9	26	64
Blanks .....	67	21	64	152
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Total .....	96	30	90	216

*District Attorney Southeastern District*

Winfield M. Wilbar.....	34	13	34	81
Blanks .....	14	2	11	27
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Sheriff Norfolk County*

Samuel H. Capen.....	35	12	36	83
Blanks .....	13	3	9	25
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*State Committee, Fourth Worcester District*

Francis Prescott .....	30	10	26	66
Blanks .....	18	5	19	42
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Total .....	48	15	45	108

*Delegates to State Conventions, Bellingham*

Harold M. Bullard.....	42	13	21	76
Arthur B. Martell.....	33	9	24	66
Blanks .....	21	8	45	74
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Total .....	96	30	90	216

*Town Committee, Bellingham*

Harold M. Bullard.....	42	12	20	74
Gladys H. Bullard.....	39	12	22	73
Samuel W. Baader.....	36	12	22	70
Albert G. Mowrey.....	37	12	21	70
Elsie A. Houseman.....	38	12	26	76
Valerie Heneault .....	36	12	27	75
Arthur B. Martell.....	33	12	28	73
Richard J. Jacks.....	32	12	27	71
Marion P. Thayer.....	38	12	22	73
Patrick Baxter .....	33	12	22	67
Elsie Camp .....	36	12	22	70
Rose G. A. Davis.....	35	12	23	70
Carroll E. White.....	38	12	27	77
Chester H. Richards.....	41	12	23	76
Harold G. Sackett.....	40	12	27	79
Blanks .....	166	45	315	526
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Total .....	720	225	675	1,620

**The Democratic Vote***Governor*

William A. Gaston.....	11	17	3	31
Blanks .....	1	15	2	18
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Lieutenant-Governor*

Harry J. Dooley.....	2	9	2	13
Joseph B. Ely.....	8	10	2	20
Blanks .....	2	13	1	16
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

Frank W. Cavanaugh.....	8	18	4	30
Blanks .....	4	14	1	19
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Treasurer*

Daniel England .....	9	17	3	29
Blanks .....	3	15	2	20
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Auditor*

Strabo V. Claggett.....	8	17	3	29
Blanks .....	4	15	2	20
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Attorney-General*

John E. Swift.....	9	26	3	38
Harold Williams, Jr.....	3	3	1	7
Blanks .....	0	3	1	4
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Senator in Congress*

David I. Walsh.....	12	30	4	46
Blanks .....	0	2	1	3
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Congressman; Thirteenth District*

John P. Tierney.....	0	4	0	4
Edwin F. Tuttle.....	12	27	4	43
Blanks .....	0	1	1	2
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Councillor Seventh District*

Charles H. Brett.....	7	15	3	25
Blanks .....	5	17	2	24
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Senator Fourth Worcester District*

John T. McLaughlin.....	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	11	32	5	48
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Representative in General Court, Twelfth Norfolk District*

Michael W. Comiskey.....	1	4	0	5
Wilfred N. Dufresne.....	8	20	5	33
Blanks .....	3	8	0	11
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*County Commissioners, Norfolk County*

Timothy E. Foley.....	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	11	32	5	48
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Associate County Commissioners, Norfolk County*

Blanks .....	12	32	5	49
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*District Attorney Southeastern District*

Martin Beazley .....	0	1	0	1
Blanks .....	12	31	5	48
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Sheriff Norfolk County*

Samuel H. Capen.....	6	12	4	22
Blanks .....	6	20	1	27
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*State Committee Fourth, Worcester District*

Edwin F. Tuttle.....	10	16	2	28
Blanks .....	2	16	3	21
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Total .....	12	32	5	49

*Delegates to State Convention*

Timothy E. Foley.....	10	19	2	31
Edwin F. Tuttle.....	11	10	3	24
Leo A. Murray.....	10	12	2	24
Blanks .....	5	55	8	68
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Total .....	36	96	15	147

*Town Committee Bellingham*

Edwin F. Tuttle.....	8	10	0	18
David C. Smith.....	4	4	0	8
Timothy E. Foley.....	5	13	0	18
Michael F. Ryan.....	4	12	0	16
William R. Naughton.....	3	5	0	8
Leo A. Murray.....	3	6	0	9
John F. McCarthy.....	4	7	0	11
Thomas J. Heffernan.....	3	11	0	14
John H. Foley.....	3	11	2	16
Dennis Murphy .....	1	8	2	11
John F. Murphy.....	2	11	2	15
Michael J. Smith.....	1	10	2	13
Fabian Chamberlain .....	2	2	2	6
Joseph Fornier .....	1	3	2	6
Wasył Kornicki .....	1	3	2	6
Carlton P. Gaskill.....	4	3	2	9
Estelle A. Paine.....	4	3	2	9
John L. Winn.....	4	4	2	10
Blanks .....	63	194	30	287
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Total .....	120	320	50	490

A True Copy of Record,

Attest:—

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

*Town Clerk.*

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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In accordance with a Warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen of the Town of Bellingham, September 27, 1926, the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall, October 6, 1926, at 8 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of said Warrant as follows:

At 8 o'clock the town clerk called the meeting to order and read the warrant. He then called for action under Article 1. To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting. On motion of Harold M. Bullard, duly seconded, Warren E. Fairbanks was nominated for Moderator. The town clerk was instructed to cast one ballot and as no one else desired to vote, Mr. Fairbanks was elected and took the chair.

Article 2. To see if the Town will accept and act on the report of the committee elected at the last town meeting, on the sale of the Town Farm or do anything there-to. On motion of Arthur B. Martell, duly seconded, the report of the committee was read by the chairman Richad J. Jacks.

On motion of Fredrick Leek, duly seconded, it was voted to accept the report.

On motion of Wilfred N. Fufresné, duly seconded, that the Town Farm be closed, not later than October 31, 1926, and board out the inmates at some suitable institution, after considerable debate it was voted to lay this motion on the table for the time being.

On motion of Wilfred Dufresne, duly seconded, that the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Richard

J. Jacks, Ervin A. Randall, and Timothy E. Foley be appointed a committee to dispose of all Real Estate, Stock and Implements now on the Town Farm not later than December 31, 1926. Amendment offered by C. E. White to strike out the words "December 31, 1926." Amendment defeated.

On motion of Wilfred Dufresne, duly seconded, it was voted to take the motion of closing the Town Farm and transferring the inmates from the table. On a show of hands this motion was accepted by a vote of 63 to 7.

On motion of C. E. White, duly seconded, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen was instructed to call the committee together for organization.

On motion duly made and seconded the Warrant was dissolved at 9:30 P. M.

A true copy of record,

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

*Town Clerk.*

## STATE ELECTION

By Precincts

**The Vote***Governor*

	1	2	3	Total
Alvan T. Fuller, R.....	150	111	181	442
William A. Gaston, D.....	28	112	80	220
Walter S. Hutchins, S.....	1	0	2	3
Samuel Leger, S. L.....	0	0	0	0
Lewis Marks, W. P.....	1	1	3	5
Blanks .....	3	12	6	21
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Lieutenant-Governor*

Frank G. Allen, R.....	144	95	160	399
Daniel T. Blessington, S. L..	2	0	2	4
Albert Oddie, W. P.....	1	0	2	3
Dennis F. Reagan, S.....	6	0	1	7
Edmond P. Talbot, D.....	25	105	93	223
Blanks .....	5	36	14	55
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Secretary*

Harry J. Canter, W. P.....	12	8	25	45
Frank W. Cavanaugh, D....	25	107	77	209
Frederic W. Cook, R.....	121	70	142	333
Stephen S. Surridge, S. L....	0	1	1	2
Edith M. Williams, S.....	2	1	3	6
Blanks .....	23	49	24	96
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Treasurer*

Albert Sprague Coolidge, S...	4	4	6	14
Winfield A. Dwyer, W. P....	9	7	17	33
Daniel England, D.....	26	96	77	199
Henry Hess, S. L.....	0	1	2	3
William S. Youngman, R...	120	71	137	328
Blanks .....	24	57	33	114
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Auditor*

Leon Arkin, S.....	4	3	4	11
Strabo V. Claggett, D.....	27	102	76	205
Alonzo B. Cook, R.....	123	69	147	339
Emma P. Hutchins, W. P...	6	2	8	16
John R. MacKinnon, S. L...	0	1	1	2
Blanks .....	23	59	36	117
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Attorney-General*

Isadore Harris, S. L.....	1	2	7	10
Max Lerner, W. P.....	4	1	11	16
Arthur K. Reading, R.....	124	72	137	333
John Weaver Sherman, S....	1	1	1	3
John E. Swift, D.....	37	144	88	269
Blanks .....	16	16	28	60
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Senator in Congress (to fill vacancy)*

John J. Ballam, W. P.....	6	1	4	11
William M. Butler, R.....	127	57	132	316
Washington Cook, Modifica-				
tion Volstead Act.....	0	0	4	4
Alfred Baker Lewis, S.....	1	0	2	3
David I. Walsh, D.....	44	169	111	324
Blanks .....	5	9	19	33
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Congressman, Thirteenth District*

Robert Luce, R.....	125	69	148	342
John P. Tierney, D.....	30	120	81	231
Blanks .....	28	47	43	118
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Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Councillor, Seventh District*

Charles A. Brett, D.....	34	102	87	223
Pehr G. Holmes, R .....	111	69	136	316
Blanks .....	38	65	49	152
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Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Senator, Fourth Worcester District*

Elbert M. Crockett, R.....	134	109	164	407
J. McLaughlin .....	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	48	127	108	283
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Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Representative in General Court, Twelfth Norfolk District*

George L. L. Allen, R.....	122	67	90	279
Wilfred N. Dufresne, D.....	37	122	171	330
Blanks .....	24	47	11	82
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Total .....	183	236	272	691

*County Commissioner, Norfolk County*

Frederick A. Leavitt, R.....	130	95	173	298
Blanks ... ..	53	141	99	293
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Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Two Associate Commissioners, Norfolk County*

Walter E. Piper, R.....	126	87	159	372
Timothy Allen .....	0	1	0	1
Jeremiah Kennelly .....	0	1	0	1
John McCarthy .....	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	240	383	384	1,007
Total .....	366	472	544	1,382

*District Attorney, Southeastern District*

Winfield M. Wilbar, R.....	132	92	161	385
Blanks .....	51	144	111	306
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Sheriff, Norfolk County*

Samuel H. Capen, D. R.....	109	98	167	374
Blanks .....	74	138	105	317
Total .....	183	236	272	291

*Referendum Question No. 1, Limited Form of  
Town Government*

Yes .....	51	45	110	206
No .....	35	41	27	103
Blanks .....	97	150	135	362
Total .....	183	236	272	691

*Referendum Question No. 2, Amendment of  
Civil Service Law*

Yes .....	41	38	86	165
No .....	65	82	61	208
Blanks .....	77	116	125	318
Total .....	183	236	272	691

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Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERKS' MEETING

On Friday, the 12th day of November, A. D. 1926, at noon, the Clerks of the Towns of Bellingham, Medway, Millis, Medfield, Dover and Westwood, constituting the 12th Norfolk Representative District, met in the Town offices in Medfield, and examined and compared transcripts of the records of votes cast on the 2nd day of November, 1926, in said towns, for Representative in General Court, for the said 12th District, and did ascertain that George L. L. Allen of Medfield was duly elected, and issued certificates of election, one of which was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and one was delivered to a constable of Medfield, to be served on the said George L. L. Allen.

### Tabulation of Votes

Towns	George L. L.	Wilfred N.	Scattering	Blanks	Total
	Allen	Dufresne			
Bellingham ...	279	330	0	82	691
Medway .....	422	262	0	113	797
Millis .....	316	151	1	58	526
Medfield .....	459	121	0	61	641
Dover .....	235	37	0	42	314
Westwood ....	445	80	0	75	600
Total .....	2,156	981	1	431	3,569

Witness our hands at Medfield this 12th day of November, A. D. 1926.

Harold G. Sackett, Town Clerk of Bellingham  
 George S. Bent, Town Clerk of Medway  
 Louis LaCroix, Town Clerk of Millis  
 William H. Everett, Town Clerk of Medfield  
 Carl R. Bryant, Town Clerk of Dover  
 W. W. Baker, Town Clerk of Westwood

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

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### *To the Citizens of Bellingham:*

The Board of Selectmen organized last March with Harold M. Bullard chosen as Chairman and Percy C. Burr chosen as Clerk.

Regular meetings of the Board have been held weekly on Monday evenings; minutes of which are on record.

The Selectmen have also held a large number of meetings in conjunction with the Overseers of Poor, the Poor Farm Committee (of which they are members), and the Finance Committee.

The death of Percy Burr was a severe loss. A humble appreciation of him as a man and as a Town official is to be found on other pages.

The State system of Accountancy radically changed the methods of transacting the Town's financial affairs. Elsewhere in this Town Report is the report of the State Auditors.

It seems to be the concensus of opinion in Town that the roads of Bellingham are in better shape than ever before.

A new roadbed was put in on North Main Street, from the Town house to the Railroad bridge; a new bridge erected on Beach Street; about twelve hundred feet of macadam road laid on Centre Street; and two small sections on South Main Street were resurfaced.

For the first time in many years, brush along the highways was cut.

Although several conferences with Woonsocket city officials were held, relative to the Salisbury Street Drain, the matter is still in abeyance awaiting action on Woonsocket's part.

A number of street lights voted by the Town have not yet been installed but both electric light companies have agreed to put in these lights as soon as possible.

HAROLD M. BULLARD, *Chairman*  
CHESTER H. RICHARDS,  
HIRAM E. CROOKS.

## TOWN WARRANT

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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Norfolk, ss.*

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,  
Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 3, in said Bellingham, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1927, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the Election Officers for the following Town Officers:

Moderator, for the term of one year.

Three Selectmen, for the term of one year.

Town Treasurer, for the term of one year.

Collector of Taxes, for the term of one year.

One Assessor of Taxes, for the term of three years.

Town Clerk, for the term of one year.

Four Constables, for the term of one year.

Tree Warden, for the term of one year.

One Overseer of the Poor, for the term of three years.

One member of the School Committee, for the term of three years.

Two Public Library Trustees, for the term of three years.

One member of the Cemetery Committee, for the term of three years.

The Polls will open at twelve o'clock at noon and will close at eight o'clock at night.

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### **Subsequent Meeting**

And also to meet in the Town in said Bellingham on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1926, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To hear the reports of the several Boards and other Town Officers and act thereon.

2. To vote appropriations for the following purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto:

1. Moderator's Salary. 2. Selectmen's Department. 3. Accountant's Department. 4. Treasurer's Department. 5. Collector's Department. 6. Assessor's Department. 7. Certifying Notes. 8. Town Clerk's Department. 9. Election and Registration. 10. Town Hall. 11 Police Department. 12. Fires and Compensation to other Towns. 13. Sealer of Weights and Measures. 14. Moth Extermination. 15. Tree Warden. 16. Forest Fires and Equipment. 17. Dog Officer. 18. Health. 19. Maintenance of County Hospital. 20. Highways General Repairs. 21. Bridges and Railings. 22. Snow Removal. 23. Signs and Guideboards. 24. Street Lighting. 25. Maintenance South Main Street. 26. Permanent Work—Centre Street. 27. Poor Department. 28. Mothers' Aid. 29. State Aid. 30. Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves. 31. School Department. 32. Library Department. 33. Printing Town Reports. 34. Memorial Day. 35. Unclassified. 36. Cemeteries. 37. Interest.

3. To see if the Town will instruct the Town Accountant to transfer the sum of \$680.63 from the Excess and

Deficiency Account to be used in the payment of the following list of unpaid bills of previous year:

Date Service Rendered	For What	Appropriation	Amount
Dec. 31, 1926	Fees	Town Clerk	\$1.50
Dec. 24, 1926	Supplies	Town Hall	.52
Jan. 15-30, 1925	Medical Services	Forest Fires and Equip.	15.00
Dec. 26, 1926	Labor	Snow Removal	62.00
Dec. 31, 1926	Care of light	Street Lighting	1.59
	1924 Land Damage, N. Main St.		360.00
Oct. 4-28, 1924	Soft coal	S. Main St., Const., '24	99.22
June 15, 1925	Medical Services	Poor	3.00
Dec. 4-12, 1925	Harness equipment	Poor	3.55
Sept. 24-25, 1923	Repairs to wood sawing		
	Machine	Poor	14.25
Dec. 31, 1926	Labor	Poor	120.00
Total			\$680.63

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to balance the following overdrafts of 1926, or act or do anything in relation thereto:

Bridges and Railings.....	\$21.69	
Snow Removal .....	509.54	
Land Damages North Main Street, 1926 .....	185.00	
		<hr/> \$716.23

5. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current year, beginning January 1, 1927, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes therefor in the name of the Town.

6. To see if the Town will vote to pay for the surety bonds for such town officers as are required to be bonded.

7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the following Streets:

Essex, Paquin, Suffolk, Governor (Ave.), Winter, Spring.

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum or sums of money to lay out these streets.

To see if the Town will vote to install electric lights on these streets as follows:

2 lights on Winter Street	1 light on Spring Street
2 lights on Governor Ave.	1 light on Paquin Street
2 lights on Suffolk Street	2 lights on Essex Street

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to construct sidewalks on each side of the State Road from the Rhode Island State Line to Crook Corner.

8. To see if the Town will instruct the Moderator to appoint before April 15, 1927, nine voters, three voters from each precinct, to serve as a Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to consider all articles presented in the warrants for Town Meetings.

9. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to consider plans for a fire department, said committee to report at a future Town Meeting, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the purchase of a safe for the use of the Town Accountant, to safe guard the Town's records in case of fire, the safe to be the property of the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Town Clerk Two Hundred Dollars, or to act or do anything in relation thereto.

12. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Director of Accounts for an audit of the Town's records, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to purchase an Oak Grove, containing between 8 and 10 acres, for a Public Park, from Henry W. Pickering, and to be always kept for a Public Park; Park to be known as the Pickering Public Park; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint 5 citizens of the Town, not more than 2 from any Voting Precinct, to draw up and submit to the Town at a Town Meeting, a set of By-Laws for the Town's approval.

To see if the Town will appropriate any money for the expense of the committee, or do anything in relation thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Collector to use all means in collecting the amounts due the Poor Department from individuals, or do anything in relation thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to install in our Town Schools in conjunction with the State Board of Education, Division of Americanization and Immigration, a special course sponsored by said Board, and appropriate \$160.00 for said course, or do anything in relation thereto.

17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$1000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to a Reserve Fund.

18. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$1000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for the expense of the Town Farm Sale.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town, seven days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1927.

HAROLD M. BULLARD,  
CHESTER H. RICHARDS,  
HIRAM E. CROOKS,

*Selectmen of Bellingham.*

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The Finance Committee, after being appointed by the Moderator, met and organized with Harold G. Sackett, chairman, and Ernest E. Belcher, clerk.

Mr. Belcher resigned as clerk in December, and Arthur B. Martell was elected clerk.

Meetings were held before each Town Meeting, and the various articles in the warrants were gone over. At the close of the fiscal year, the committee met with the various departments, and prepared a budget for the coming year. Their recommendations are as follows:

### Article. 2.

Item	1.	Moderator's Salary .....	\$25.00
"	2.	Selectmen:	
		Salaries .....	\$245.00
		Expense .....	180.00
			<hr/> 425.00
"	3.	Town Accountant:	
		Salary .....	\$400.00
		Expense .....	70.00
			<hr/> 470.00
"	4.	Treasurer:	
		Salary .....	\$300.00
		Expense .....	100.00
			<hr/> 400.00
"	5.	Collector .....	1,000.00
"	6.	Assessors .....	1,350.00
"	7.	Certifying Notes.....	20.00
"	8.	Town Clerk:	
		Salary .....	\$400.00
		Fees .....	115.00
		Expense .....	110.00
			<hr/> 625.00

" 9.	Election and Registration.....		250.00
" 10.	Town Hall:		
	Wages .....	\$144.00	
	Expense .....	533.00	
			677.00
" 11.	Police .....		700.00
" 12.	Fires and Compensation to other Towns .....		500.00
" 13.	Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
	Wages .....	\$50.00	
	Expense .....	50.00	
			100.00
" 14.	Moth Extermination .....		250.00
" 15.	Tree Warden .....		400.00
" 16.	Forest Fires and Equipment...		500.00
" 17.	Dog Officer .....		30.00
" 18.	Board of Health.....		1,200.00
" 19.	Maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital .....		613.73
" 20.	Highways, General Repairs....		5,250.00
" 21.	Bridges and Railings.....		500.00
" 22.	Snow Removal .....		2,500.00
" 23.	Signs and Guideboards.....		150.00
" 24.	Street Lighting .....		4,300.00
" 25.	Highways, Maintenance. (South Main Street in conjunction with State and County) .....		1,325.00
" 26.	Highways, Permanent Work. (Centre Street in conjunction with State and County) .....		5,000.00
" 27.	Poor Department:		
	Salaries .....	\$160.00	
	Other Expenses..	2,840.00	
			3,000.00
" 28.	Mothers' Aid .....		2,000.00
" 29.	State Aid .....		250.00

“ 30.	Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves .....	30.00
“ 31.	Schools .....	38,600.00
“ 32.	Library .....	500.00
“ 33.	Printing Town Reports.....	400.00
“ 34.	Memorial Day .....	100.00
“ 35.	Unclassified .....	10.00
“ 36.	Cemeteries .....	150.00
“ 37.	Interest .....	3,000.00
Article 3.	Recommended Paid.	
Article 4.	Recommended	
Article 5.	Recommended	
Article 6.	Recommended	
Article 7.	Recommended to dismiss.	
Article 8.	Recommended	
Article 9.	Recommended	
Article 10.	Recommended	
Article 11.	Recommended	
Article 12.	Recommended	
Article 13.	Voted to leave to discretion of voters.	
Article 14.	Recommended	
Article 15.	Recommended	
Article 16.	Recommended	
Article 17.	Recommended	
Article 18.	Recommended	

HAROLD G. SACKETT, *Chairman*,  
 ARTHUR B. MARTELL, *Clerk*,  
 ADDISON E. BULLARD,  
 ERNEST E. BELCHER,  
 L. FRANCIS THAYER,  
 ALBERT G. MOWRY,  
 WALDO I. COOK.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

On accepting the position of Superintendent of Highways last spring, it was with the understanding that the work should be done under the supervision of three men, one at the North, one at the Centre, and one at the South. Mr. Ernest Camp was selected from the North, Mr. Alfred H. Nash from the Centre, and myself from the South.

The State law pertaining to State Aid to Small Towns for Highway General Repairs was changed last spring. Under the amended law, the Town is allotted forty-two hundred dollars by the State, providing it appropriates fifty-two hundred and fifty dollars to be used in conjunction with this first named sum for Highway General Repairs; all work to be done under the approval and supervision of the State Highway Division.

More money was spent on the roads this past year than ever before, and, as a result, I believe the highways are in the best shape they ever have been in. However, it needs a large sum of money, judiciously expended, to keep the roads in their present good condition.

New construction did not lag during the year 1926. One thousand feet of new road was laid on North Main Street; a macadam road bed was put in on a part of Centre Street; two small sections of South Main Street were resurfaced; Maple Street was gravelled; and a new bridge erected on Beach Street.

Over one thousand dollars was expended in cutting brush.

For the whole-hearted co-operation of the Selectmen, my assistants, and the Highway employees, I wish to express my sincere thanks.

STEPHEN E. SCOTT,  
*Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF REGISTRARS

### *To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

The Board of Registrars organized for the year 1926, with Michael F. Ryan and Percy C. Burr, Clerk. After Mr. Burr's resignation, Harold G. Sackett, as Town Clerk, acted as Clerk for the Board.

The Registrars have held eight meetings for registration of voters, two at North Bellingham, three at South Bellingham, and three at the Town Hall.

The annual meeting for correction of lists was held, this being required by law.

Four meetings have been held for receiving and the certification of nomination papers, and three meetings to canvass the vote for Town Election, State Primary and State Election.

### *Number of Registered Voters December 31, 1926*

	Males	Females	Totals
Precinct 1 .....	136	93	229
Precinct 2 .....	144	120	264
Precinct 3 .....	201	142	343
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Totals .....	481	355	836

### *Number of Names Added to Register in 1926*

	Males	Females	Totals
Precinct 1 .....	10	15	25
Precinct 2 .....	15	10	25
Precinct 3 .....	48	32	80
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Totals .....	73	57	130

Number of names dropped in 1926, 97. Net gain, 33.  
Total, 836.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL F. RYAN, Chairman,  
ROBERT H. HUNTER,  
THEODORE HENEALT,  
HAROLD G. SACKETT, *Clerk.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

Gentlemen:

The Department of Animal Industry is deeply concerned with tuberculosis in cattle and all suspicious cases in the town should be reported to the town inspector as soon as possible; also any cattle brought in from outside the State without a permit must be reported.

Some of our cattle owners have had their herds State and Federal tested; this work is going on all over the country in hopes to eradicate tuberculosis. A tested herd, if free on second test, is known as an accredited herd and when a section is clean it is known as an accredited area.

One of our owners of swine has had his hogs inoculated by the State, which makes them immune to Hog Cholera, a wise precaution.

Glanders in horses, Hog Cholera, Rabies in Dogs (in fact any stray dog acting strangely), should be reported to the inspector at once, better be safe than sorry.

The cattle and conditions in which they are kept were never better than they are at present time.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

*Inspector of Animals.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

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*Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

Gentlemen :

There were no changes in the law this year in regard to inspection and stamping of meat intended for sale.

While most of the stock to be dressed is sold on the hoof and taken to Woonsocket or to some licensed slaughter house, still the owner, for his own use, may dress off his own stock without having the meat stamped. But, if any part is intended for sale, it must be inspected and stamped.

I think that our people intend to comply with the law, for which I thank them.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

*Inspector of Slaughtering.*

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF DAIRIES

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*Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

Gentlemen:

Last spring the Woonsocket Milk Inspector required that before a milk dealer's license be granted, all cows, unless their milk was pasturized, be tested.

I understand that yearly hereafter, the herds will be examined, and any sickly looking cows will be taken from the herd and tested for tuberculin.

As required by law and instructed by you, I have inspected and given Producers' Permits to 42 dairies that are making one can of milk or more per day.

If each dairyman would carefully clean and whitewash his stable, and also keep his cows thoroughly clean, I think that they would pass inspection with such accommodations as they already have.

I want to impress on our dairymen that it is better to keep their cows and stables in the best possible condition of their own accord, than to be forced to do so by a State officer.

In warm weather, the cooling of milk, the water supply, cleanliness of cans and bottles will have to be carefully attended to.

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## EXTRACTS FROM GENERAL LAWS

### CHAPTER 94

Section 43. No producer of or dealer in milk shall sell or deliver for sale in any town any milk produced or dealt in by him without first obtaining from the board of health of such town a permit authorizing such sale or delivery. Said board of health may issue such permit after an inspection of the milk, and of the place where and the cir-

cumstances under which it is produced and handled, has been made by it or by its authorized agent. Any permit so granted may contain such reasonable conditions as said board deems suitable for protecting the public health and may be revoked for failure to comply with any of such conditions. No charge shall be made to the producer for such permit. After a permit has been revoked, it may be reissued in the same manner in which the original permit was issued. The board revoking or reissuing said permit shall immediately send notice thereof to the Department of Public Health which may enforce this provision. The department shall at once inform the Board of Health of any other town where, in its judgment, milk produced by the person to which the permit relates would be likely to be sold or delivered for sale, and it shall also give notice of such revocation or reissue to any dealer in milk who in its judgment would be likely to purchase milk from such person; and upon receipt of notice of revocation no dealer so notified shall sell or offer for sale such milk. Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Section 44. No fee for making any inspection or test of live stock, or any inspection of any dairy, barn or stable, under authority of law, for the purpose of protecting the milk supply of any town shall be requested or accepted by any official or other person making or assisting to make such test or inspection. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

I have found conditions generally good, and owners willing to co-operate, for which I thank them.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

*Inspector of Dairies.*

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1926.

All places of business in the Town of Bellingham were visited by me after notification by public notice, as the law requires, that all scales, measures, etc., would be sealed without fee if brought to my office.

### *Scales, Measures, Etc., Sealed*

Platform scales over 5,000 lbs. adjusted and sealed.	4
Platform scales under 5,000 lbs. adjusted and sealed.	14
Computing scales adjusted and sealed.....	14
Computing scales condemned.....	0
All other scales adjusted and sealed.....	12
Number of weights sealed.....	72
Measuring pumps adjusted and sealed.....	35
Measuring machines adjusted and sealed.....	2
Office calls .....	10

Fees received—\$35.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. NASH.

## REPORT OF BOARD ASSESSORS

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The Assessors of the Town of Bellingham present the following list of the valuation and tax for the year 1926:

Number of male polls assessed.....	782
Number of males assessed on poll tax only.	229
Number of residents assessed on property.	834
Number of non-residents assessed.....	576
Whole number of persons assessed.....	1,639
Number of horses assessed.....	164
Number of cows assessed.....	395
Number of other cattle assessed.....	83
Number of swine assessed.....	34
Number of fowls assessed.....	6,410
Number of dwelling houses assessed.....	686
Number of acres of land assessed.....	11,080½
Valuation of personal estate.....	\$ 513,007.00
Valuation of real estate.....	1,963,190.00
Total valuation of town.....	2,476,197.00

Rate of taxation \$32.00 per \$1,000.

CARROLL E. WHITE,  
DANIEL J. DWYER,  
FRANK E. HOAR,

*Assessors of Bellingham.*

WALTER H. THAYER,

*Collector.*

**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR REPORT, TOWN OF  
BELLINGHAM, BELLINGHAM, MASS.**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor present their annual report as follows:

During the year, there has been eight cases of outside aid in Town and three cases aided in other cities and towns chargeable to this Town. There has been two cases cared for on State Infirmary at expense of this Town. One case at the Massachusetts Hospital School. Two cases of Mother's Aid in Town and one case in another town chargeable to this Town. There were four inmates at Almshouse during the year.

Almshouse was closed December 15. Inmates boarded elsewhere.

Bills from two towns aiding were chargeable to this Town have not been presented at time of closing accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. BULLARD, *Clerk*,  
W. E. WHITING,  
H. E. CROOKS.

**REPORT OF TREE WARDEN AND LOCAL  
SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH  
EXTERMINATION**

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

The trees of the Town on the town roads are in fair condition. The trees on the State roads are in bad shape and should be looked after if permission can be had from the State. The moths are in about the same condition as last year. The State of Rhode Island sprayed along the line of their State and conditions should be better there.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS E. WHITNEY,

*Tree Warden and Local Moth Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith my report for the year ending December 31, 1926. Included in my report are the statements required by Chapter 44 of the General Laws:

List of Receipts and Payments, made in accordance with the books of the Division of Accounts;

List of Appropriations Made, Amounts, Purposes Spent for, and Unexpended Balances;

List of Town Indebtedness;

List of Unpaid Bills in my hands on January 29, 1927.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the splendid co-operation of the other departments with this department during the past year.

DAVID L. TUTTLE,

*Accountant.*

### RECEIPTS

#### *General Revenue*

#### *Taxes*

#### Current Year—

Poll .....	\$1,532.00	
Personal and Real Estate.....	47,459.32	
	—————	\$48,991.32

#### Previous Years—

Poll .....	\$6.00	
Personal and Real Estate.....	15,008.11	
	—————	15,014.11

## From State—

Income Tax, 1923, 1924, 1925..	\$290.40	
National Bank Tax, 1923.....	3.79	
Corporation Tax .....	362.43	
Public Service Corporation Tax	794.80	
Business Service Corporation Tax .....	3,920.50	
Income Tax, 1926.....	7,934.00	
National Bank Tax, 1926.....	90.49	
	<hr/>	13,396.41

## Selectmen—

Licenses and Permits.....	257.60
Fines and Forfeits.....	1,354.53

## Grants and Gifts—

## From State:

Massachusetts School Fund....	\$1,552.97	
High School Tuition.....	1,923.05	
Union Superintendency .....	676.66	
High School Transportation...	2,135.20	
	<hr/>	6,287.88

## From County:

Dog Licenses .....	739.58
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Total for General Revenue...	<hr/> \$86,041.43
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*Departmental**Commercial Revenue*

Town Hall .....	\$102.01
Police .....	7.35
Sealer .....	31.90

## From State:

Inspection of Animals.....	70.00
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## N. Y., N. H. &amp; H. R. R. Co.:

Railroad Forest Fires.....	397.46
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## Highways—

## County:

North Main St., 1925.....	\$5,091.16
South Main St., 1925.....	1,203.42
North Main St., 1926.....	1,500.00
South Main and Centre Sts., 1926 .....	1,674.56
Land Damages, 1920-1926.....	1,716.35

## State:

South Main St., 1925.....	1,338.82
North Main St., 1926.....	1,500.00
South Main and Centre Sts., 1926 .....	5,262.48
General Repairs, 1926.....	4,200.00

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 23,486.79

## Charities—

## Farm Receipts:

Sale of Produce.....	\$1,758.26
Other .....	50.00
Sale of Town Farm.....	400.00

## From State:

Mothers' Aid .....	1,275.00
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 3,483.26

## Soldiers' Benefits—

## From State:

State Aid .....	\$162.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	30.33

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 192.33

## Schools—

Tuition .....	\$1,375.99
Other .....	25.50

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 1,401.49

## Libraries—

Fines .....	
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4.71

## Unclassified—

Sale Town Histories.....	\$4.50	
Allowance on Check Book.....	20.00	
		<hr/> 24.50

## Interest—

Deposits .....	\$139.22	
Taxes .....	604.64	
		<hr/> 743.86

Total for Departmental Commercial Revenue .....		<hr/> \$29,945.66
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*Municipal Indebtedness*

Temporary Loans .....	55,000.00
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*Cemeteries, Perpetual Care*

Perpetual Care .....	\$360.00	
Interest Withdrawn .....	168.50	
		<hr/> 528.50

*Other Trust*

Tax Sale Surplus.....	25.00	
Refunds and Transfers.....	297.23	
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Total Receipts .....	\$171,837.82	
Highway Transfers .....	7,356.62	
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Grand Total Receipts.....	\$179,194.44	
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1926...	6,823.26	
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Grand Total .....	\$186,017.70	

## PAYMENTS

*General Government*

Moderator .....		\$5.00
Selectmen—		
Salaries .....	\$378.34	
Expense .....	90.00	
Printing, Stationery and Post-		
age .....	33.98	
All other .....	115.07	
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		617.39
Auditing—		
Salaries and Fees:		
Auditors .....	\$130.00	
Book-keeper .....	56.25	
Accountant .....	200.00	
Printing, Stationery and Post-		
age .....	36.70	
Supplies .....	10.75	
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		433.70
Treasurer—		
Salary .....	\$550.00	
Printing, Stationery and Post-		
age .....	33.87	
Surety Bond .....	35.00	
All Other .....	25.24	
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		644.11
Collector—		
Wages .....	\$1,327.44	
Tax Sales Expense.....	69.45	
Printing, Stationery and Post-		
age .....	102.03	
Insurance and Bond.....	104.00	
All Other .....	9.67	
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		1,612.59

## Assessors—

Wages .....	\$1,602.50	
Auto Hire .....	140.00	
Valuation Book .....	265.20	
Printing, Stationery and Post- age .....	90.90	
Abstracts and Deeds.....	96.95	
Other Expense .....	25.35	
	<hr/>	2,220.90
Certifying Notes .....		12.00
Law .....		51.30

## Town Clerk—

Salary .....	\$258.34	
Recording Fees .....	198.00	
Printing, Stationery and Post- age .....	68.57	
All other .....	31.45	
	<hr/>	556.36

## Election and Registration—

Registrars' Wages .....	\$187.12	
Election Officers .....	374.25	
Printing, Stationery and Post- age .....	44.50	
All Other .....	99.71	
	<hr/>	705.58

## Town Hall—

Janitor's Wages .....	\$156.00	
Fuel .....	26.20	
Light .....	53.77	
Supplies .....	.69	
Repairs .....	11.92	
Equipment .....	6.00	
Insurance .....	52.40	
All Other .....	1.50	
	<hr/>	308.48

Total for General Government	<hr/>	\$7,167.41
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*Protection of Persons and Property*

## Police—

Wages .....	\$570.25	
Auto Hire .....	61.00	
Telephone .....	48.36	
All Other .....	37.59	
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		\$717.20

## Fires and Compensation to Other Towns—

Other Towns .....	\$285.00	
Town .....	10.38	
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		295.38

## Sealer of Weights and Measures—

Salary .....	\$54.15	
Transportation .....	22.50	
Equipment .....	6.75	
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		83.40

*Forestry*

## Moth Extermination—

Labor .....	\$241.75	
Teams .....	2.40	
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		244.15

## Tree Warden—

Labor .....	\$359.30	
Equipment .....	8.50	
Teams and Other Expense.....	29.99	
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		397.79

## Forest Fires—

Forest Warden .....	\$150.00	
Railroad Fires .....	325.06	
Town Fires .....	116.33	
Equipment .....	22.94	
All Other .....	2.00	
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		616.33

## Dog Officer .....

32.00

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 Total Protection Persons and  
Property .....

\$2,386.25

*Health and Sanitation*

## General Administration—

Salaries .....	\$69.99	
Expense .....	30.00	
		<hr/> \$99.99

## Quarantine and Contagious Diseases—

Medical Attendance .....	\$7.50	
All Other .....	7.00	
		<hr/> 14.50

## Tuberculosis—

Board and Treatment .....	\$752.60	
Maintenance County Hospital..	613.73	
		<hr/> 1,366.33

## Vital Statistics—

Births .....	\$17.00	
Deaths .....	3.00	
		<hr/> 20.00
Nurse .....		100.00
Other Expense .....		15.10

## Inspection—

Animals .....	\$140.00	
Meat and Provisions .....	55.00	
Milk and Vinegar .....	52.09	
		<hr/> 247.09
South Main Street Drain .....		66.55

Total for Health and Sanitation .....		<hr/> \$1,929.56
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*Highways*

## General Repairs—

Supervision .....	\$897.25
Wages .....	5,611.68
Teams and Trucks .....	2,116.93

Tractor .....	235.00	
Tarvia .....	3,729.56	
Sand .....	496.25	
Gravel .....	257.20	
Stone .....	837.82	
Equipment and Repairs.....	304.09	
Roller and Operative.....	199.25	
Drilling and Blasting.....	37.25	
Watering Cart .....	25.00	
Care of Fountain.....	10.85	
Other Expense .....	14.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,772.13
Bridges and Railings—		
Wages .....	\$29.80	
Lumber .....	109.89	
Beach Street Bridge Contract..	375.00	
Other .....	7.00	
	<hr/>	521.69
Snow Removal—		
Wages, Trucks and Teams.....	\$4,158.44	
Equipment .....	32.39	
	<hr/>	4,190.83
Street Lighting .....		3,637.78
Signs and Guideboards.....		8.70
South Main Street, 1925—		
Tarvia .....	\$112.80	
Water .....	9.94	
	<hr/>	122.74
North Main Street, 1925—		
Contract .....	\$2,045.28	
Other .....	10.00	
	<hr/>	2,055.28

Land Damages, North Main Street	186.00
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## Gravel on Maple Street—

Supervision .....	\$40.00	
Wages .....	293.80	
Teams and Trucks.....	128.80	
Gravel .....	33.75	
		<hr/> 496.35

## North Main Street 1,926—

Supervision .....	\$512.00	
Wages .....	3,002.91	
Teams and Trucks.....	1,108.06	
Roller .....	690.98	
Tarvia .....	450.80	
Sand and Gravel.....	1,126.55	
Pipes, Brick, Lumber.....	394.17	
Supplies .....	76.06	
Water Cart .....	177.00	
Loader .....	120.00	
Painting Fence .....	15.10	
Water .....	8.16	
Other .....	4.67	
		<hr/> 7,686.46

## South Main and Centre Streets—

Contract .....	\$8,668.69
Equipment .....	53.50
Advertising Costs .....	36.10

## Transfers—

General Repairs .....	\$4,178.32	
North Main Street, 1926.....	3,178.30	
		<hr/> 16,114.91

Total for Highways.....	<hr/> \$49,792.87
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## CHARITIES

*Poor*

## General Administration—

Salaries .....	\$305.83	
Postage .....	2.16	
All Others .....	167.52	
	<hr/>	\$475.51

## Outside Relief by Town—

Groceries and Provisions.....	\$139.50	
Coal and Wood.....	13.00	
Board and Care.....	25.00	
Medicine and Medical Attendance .....	28.00	
State Institution .....	323.28	
Cash Furnished Poor.....	978.00	
All other .....	95.00	
	<hr/>	1,601.78

## Relief by other Cities and Towns—

Cities .....	\$300.84	
Towns .....	282.00	
	<hr/>	582.84

## Almshouse—

Superintendent (wages) .....	\$730.00
Other Employees .....	1,274.25
Groceries and Provisions.....	1,675.43
Dry Goods and Clothing.....	43.34
Repairs to Buildings.....	349.41
Fuel and Light.....	67.00
Supplies, Hay and Grain.....	959.02
Insurance .....	46.00
Doctors and Medicines.....	68.60
Blacksmithing .....	238.05
Tools, Equipment and Repairs..	373.13
Telephone .....	21.05

Gas and Oil.....	22.03	
All Other .....	138.10	
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		\$6,005.41
Mothers' Aid .....		2,044.00
Soldiers' Benefits—		
State Aid .....	\$192.00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Burials..	30.00	
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		222.00
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Total for Charities.....		\$10,931.54

*Schools*

## General—

School Committee (Salaries) ..	\$173.54	
Superintendent's Salary .....	1,237.50	
Superintendent's Clerk's Salary	198.10	
Truant Officer .....	5.00	
Printing, Stationery and Post- age .....	46.00	
Telephone .....	11.55	
Traveling Expense .....	53.98	
School Census .....	35.00	
Insurance .....	82.51	
Other .....	38.68	
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		\$1,881.86
Teachers' Salaries .....		15,917.44
School Doctors .....		100.00
Nurses .....		205.00
Supplies and Text Books—		
Supplies .....	\$528.39	
Text Books .....	535.17	
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		1,063.56
Tuition .....		3,877.15
Transportation .....		6,979.80
Janitor's Services .....		1,946.87
Fuel and Light .....		2,490.53

Maintenance Buildings and  
Grounds—

Repairs .....	\$947.60
Janitor's Supplies .....	93.55
All Other .....	55.64

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1,096.79

Furniture and Furnishings.....	\$601.13
Repairs .....	57.65
Diplomas .....	3.62
Miscellaneous Printing .....	15.00
All Other .....	41.34
Installing Water at South School.	250.00

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Total for Schools..... 36,527.74

Library—

Librarian's Salary .....	\$100.00
Financial Clerk .....	10.00
Janitors .....	43.75
Books .....	231.68
Periodicals .....	13.50
Repairs .....	25.00
Rent .....	25.00
Transporting Books .....	20.00
All Other .....	20.00

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488.93

*Unclassified*

Parks .....	\$1.50
Memorial Day .....	54.60
Printing Town Reports.....	348.60
Ink .....	1.65
Installing State System.....	673.49

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Total for Unclassified..... 1,079.84

*Cemeteries*

Cemeteries .....	\$119.60	
Perpetual Care .....	168.50	
	<hr/>	288.10

*Interest*

Revenue Loans .....	\$1,727.32	
Schoolhouse Loans .....	1,237.50	
	<hr/>	2,964.82

*Municipal Indebtedness*

Revenue Loans .....	\$55,000.00	
Schoolhouse Loans .....	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	56,500.00

*Agency and Trust*

State Tax .....	\$4,440.00	
County Tax .....	3,702.81	
Highway Tax .....	636.00	
Trust Co. Tax, 1922.....	68.20	
Cemetery Perpetual Care.....	360.00	
	<hr/>	9,207.01

Total Payments .....	\$179,264.07
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1927.....	6,753.63

Grand Total .....	<hr/> \$186,017.70
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## TRANSFER ACCOUNTS

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### TOWN OFFICERS' PAY

#### *Appropriations*

Annual Meeting .....	\$4,000.00
Special Meeting .....	1,738.08
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Total .....	\$5,738.08

#### *Transfers*

Moderator .....	\$5.00
Selectmen .....	453.34
Auditor .....	100.00
Bookkeeper .....	56.25
Treasurer .....	550.00
Collector .....	1,067.59
Assessors .....	1,602.50
Town Clerk .....	385.84
Election and Registration.....	561.37
Town Hall .....	156.00
Police .....	20.00
Sealer .....	54.15
Forest Fires .....	75.00
Health .....	280.00
Poor .....	197.50
Schools .....	173.54

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\$5,738.08

### INCIDENTALS

#### *Appropriation*

Annual .....	\$800.00
Special .....	251.43
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	\$1,051.43

*Transfers*

Selectmen .....	\$137.75
Auditor .....	44.30
Bookkeeper .....	8.05
Accountant .....	13.25
Treasurer .....	48.24
Collector .....	151.12
Assessors .....	267.30
Certifying Notes .....	12.00
Town Clerk .....	59.28
Election and Registration.....	83.61
Town Hall .....	97.43
Law .....	51.30
Police .....	6.50
Sealer .....	29.25
Dog Officer .....	2.00
Health .....	13.00
Highways .....	10.85
Parks .....	1.50
Signboards .....	8.70
Land Damages .....	1.00
Schools .....	3.35
Unclassified .....	1.65
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	\$1,051.43

## PRINTING

Appropriation .....\$800.00

*Transfers*

Selectmen .....	\$26.30
Accountant .....	11.85
Treasurer .....	10.87
Collector .....	30.03
Assessors .....	270.81
Town Clerk .....	42.04

Election and Registration.....	44.50
Schools .....	15.00
Printing Town Reports.....	348.60
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	\$800.00

## REPAIRS TO TOWN BUILDINGS

*Appropriations*

Annual Meeting .....	\$1,200.00
Special Meeting .....	230.00
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Total .....	\$1,430.00

*Transfers*

Town Clerk .....	\$1.20
Election and Registration.....	16.10
Poor .....	284.50
Schools .....	824.23
Library .....	25.00
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	\$1,151.03
Unexpended Balance .....	\$278.97

## INSURANCE

Appropriation .....	\$500.00
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*Transfers*

Treasurer .....	\$35.00
Collector .....	104.00
Town Hall .....	52.40
Poor .....	46.00
Schools .....	82.51
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	\$319.91
Unexpended Balance .....	\$180.09

## CONTINGENCY AND DEFICIENCY

Appropriation ..... \$500.00

*Transfers*

Collector .....	\$259.85
Assessors .....	80.29
Town Hall .....	2.65
Town Clerk .....	68.00
Snow Removal .....	31.68
North Main Street Construction, 1926.....	8.16

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\$450.63

Unexpended Balance ..... \$49.37





## OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS

### REVENUE LOANS

Date of Issue		Rate	Date of Maturity		Dec. 31, 1926 Amount Outstanding	Total
September	7, 1926	3.95	March	20, 1927.....	\$10,000.00	
November	24, 1926	4%	May	19, 1927.....	10,000.00	\$20,000.00

### SCHOOL HOUSE LOANS

August	1, 1920	5½%	1927-1940 .....		\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
				(\$1500 annually)		
Grand Total .....						\$41,000.00

## RECAPITULATION

Balances Jan. 1, 1926	Appropriations	Receipts or Transfers	Overdrawn Totals Jan. 1, '26	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		Expenditures	Transfers	Unexpended Balances Jan. 1, 1927	Appropriated Reserve
.....	.....	\$5.00	\$5.00	Moderator	\$5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	617.39	617.39	Selectmen	617.39	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	\$200.00	233.70	433.70	Auditing	433.70	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	644.11	644.11	Treasurer	644.11	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1,612.59	1,612.59	Collector	1,612.59	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2,220.90	2,220.90	Assessors	2,220.90	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	12.00	12.00	Certifying Notes	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	51.30	51.30	Law	51.30	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	556.36	556.36	Town Clerk	556.36	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	705.58	705.58	Election and Registration	705.58	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	308.48	308.48	Town Hall	308.48	.....	.....	.....	.....
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY									
.....	1,022.49	26.50	1,048.99	Police	717.20	.....	.....	\$331.79	.....
.....	500.00	.....	500.00	Fire and Compensation to other towns	295.38	.....	.....	204.62	.....
.....	.....	83.40	83.40	Scaler of Wgts. and Meas.	83.40	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	250.00	.....	250.00	Moth Extermination	244.15	.....	.....	585	.....
.....	400.00	.....	400.00	Tree Warden	397.79	.....	.....	2.21	.....
.....	800.00	75.00	875.00	Forest Fires and Equip.	616.33	.....	.....	258.67	.....
.....	.....	32.00	32.00	Dog Officer	32.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
HEALTH AND SANITATION									
.....	899.00	263.00	1,162.00	Health	1,149.28	.....	.....	12.72	.....
.....	613.73	.....	613.73	Maintenance County Hosp.	613.73	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	100.00	.....	100.00	Nurse or Nurses	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	150.00	.....	150.00	S. Main St. Drain	66.55	.....	.....	83.45	.....
.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	Salisbury St. Drain	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,000.00

## RECAPITULATION—Continued.

Balances Jan. 1, 1926	Appropriations	Receipts or Transfers	Overdrawn Totals Jan. 1, '26	Expenditures	Transfers	Un- expended Balances Jan. 1, 1927	Approp. Bal. Reserve
.....	7,350.00	8,389.37	15,739.37	14,772.13	.....	967.24	.....
.....	500.00	.....	500.00	521.69	.....	.....	\$21.69
.....	3,649.61	31.68	3,681.29	4,190.83	.....	.....	509.54
.....	4,000.00	.....	4,000.00	3,637.78	.....	362.22	.....
.....	.....	8.70	8.70	8.70	.....	.....	.....
1,316.15	.....	.....	1,316.15	122.74	Town's Share	852.82	.....
4,849.74	.....	.....	4,849.74	2,055.28	Town's Share	298.35	.....
.....	.....	1.00	1.00	186.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	500.00	.....	500.00	496.35	.....	3.65	.....
.....	1,500.00	6,186.46	7,686.46	7,686.46	.....	.....	185.00
.....	4,500.00	14,500.00	19,000.00	16,114.91	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,885.09
.....	8,690.47	528.00	9,218.47	8,665.54	.....	782.93	.....
.....	3,000.00	30.00	3,030.00	2,044.00	.....	986.00	.....
.....	200.00	.....	200.00	192.00	.....	8.00	.....
.....	30.00	.....	30.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	37,486.70	1,098.66	38,585.36	36,277.74	.....	2,307.62	.....
.....	250.00	.....	250.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	500.00	25.00	525.00	488.93	.....	36.07	.....
.....	.....	1.50	1.50	1.50	.....	.....	.....
.....	100.00	348.60	448.60	54.60	.....	45.40	.....
.....	.....	1.65	1.65	348.60	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	673.49	673.49	1.65	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	673.49	.....	.....	.....



**List of Unpaid Bills of Previous Years in the Hands of the  
Town Accountant on January 29, 1927**

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	Date Service Rendered	For What	Appropriation	Amount
Dec.	31, 1926	Fees	Town Clerk	\$1.50
Dec.	24, 1926	Supplies	Town Hall	.52
Jan.	15-30, 1925	Medical Services	Forest Fires and Equip.	15.00
Dec.	26, 1926	Labor	Snow Removal	62.00
Dec.	31, 1926	Care of light	Street Lighting	1.59
		1924 Land Damage, N. Main St.		360.00
Oct.	4-28, 1924	Soft coal	S. Main St. Const., 1926	99.22
June	15, 1925	Medical Services	Poor	3.00
Dec.	4-12, 1925	Harness equipment	Poor	3.55
Sept.	24-25, 1923	Repairs to wood sawing machine	Poor	14.25
Dec.	31, 1926	Labor	Poor	120.00
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Total				\$680.63

## TOWN OF BELLINGHAM BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1926

Cash (Treasurer's) .....	\$6,753.63	Revenue Loans .....	\$20,000.00
Cash (Departmental) .....	454.24	Surplus on Tax Title Sale .....	25.00
Taxes, 1925 .....	3,730.11	Surplus War Bonus Fund .....	1,132.55
Taxes, 1926 .....	30,967.43	Poor Farm Sale Reserve .....	400.00
Tax Titles .....	2,084.06	Appropriation Balances:	
Departmental Accounts Receivable:		Salisbury St. Drain .....	\$1,000.00
State—		South Main and Centre St. Con-	
Mothers' Aid .....	\$2,239.00	struction, 1926 .....	2,885.09
State Aid .....	192.00	Overlay, 1925 .....	3,885.09
Subsidy Aid .....	161.43	Overlay, 1926 .....	1,160.07
Temporary Aid .....	261.00	Overlay Surplus .....	1,041.13
Highways .....	5,737.52	Tax Title Reserve .....	3,466.49
County Highways .....	1,825.44	Departmental Revenue .....	2,084.06
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. Co., Forest		Excess and Deficiency .....	4,780.50
Fires .....	142.75	Surplus Revenue .....	5,002.17
Poor Accts. Receivable from Individuals .....	10,559.14		13,691.06
Overdrawn Accounts:	1,335.08		
Bridges and Railings .....	\$21.69		
Snow Removal .....	509.54		
Land Damages North Main St., 1926 .....	185.00		
Trust Co. Tax, 1922 .....	68.20		
	784.43		
	\$56,668.12		\$56,668.12
Net Funded or Fixed Debt .....	\$21,000.00	DEBT ACCOUNTS	
		Schoolhouse Loan .....	\$21,000.00
Trust Funds—Cash and Securities .....	\$4,287.02	TRUST ACCOUNTS	
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	\$4,287.02

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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*Dr.*

Cash, January 1, 1926.....	\$6,823.26
Receipts for 1926.....	171,837.82
	\$178,661.08

*Cr.*

Expended in 1926.....	\$171,907.45
Cash, Jan. 1, 1927.....	6,753.63
	\$178,661.08

WALTER H. THAYER,

*Treasurer.*

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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### *1924 Property Tax*

#### *Dr.*

Uncollected January 1, 1926.....	\$1,157.87	
Interest .....	108.11	
	<hr/>	\$1,265.98

#### *Cr.*

Paid Treasurer .....	\$971.72	
Interest collected .....	108.11	
Abatements .....	52.32	
Taxes on Property sold to Town..	133.83	
	<hr/>	\$1,265.98

### *1925 Poll Tax*

#### *Dr.*

Assessments of Feb., 1926.....	\$6.00	
	<hr/>	\$6.00

#### *Cr.*

Paid Treasurer .....	\$6.00	
	<hr/>	\$6.00

### *1925 Property Tax*

#### *Dr.*

Uncollected .....	\$17,588.71	
Interest .....	469.27	
	<hr/>	\$18,057.98

*Cr.*

Paid Treasurer .....	\$13,694.60	
Interest collected .....	469.27	
Abatements .....	33.00	
Taxes on property sold to Town..	131.00	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1927.....	3,730.11	
	<hr/>	\$18,057.98

*1926 Poll Tax**Dr.*

Warrant .....	\$1,564.00	
Later Assessments .....	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,574.00

*Cr.*

Paid Treasurer .....	\$1,532.00	
Abatements .....	42.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,574.00

*1926 Property Tax**Dr.*

Warrant .....	\$79,238.30	
Assessments of Dec. 20.....	104.45	
Interest .....	27.26	
	<hr/>	\$79,370.01

*Cr.*

Paid Treasurer .....	\$47,459.32	
Interest collected .....	27.26	
Abatements .....	419.20	
Tax on property sold to Town....	496.80	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1927.....	30,967.43	
	<hr/>	\$79,370.01

WALTER H. THAYER,

*Collector.*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BELLINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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*To the citizens of the Town of Bellingham:*

The Board of Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library present the following report:

The Board of Trustees have held several meetings during the year 1926, with the same organization as of the previous year. Mrs. Marion Thayer, chairman, Mrs. Evelyn Sackett, secretary. They have co-ordinated in the work with Mrs. Marie Cook, our Librarian, whose efficient service helps the patrons and trustees as well. No new work has been attempted, the entire efforts of the Board, being to carry on for the best interests of all sections of the Town with the appropriation allowed.

We could acceptably use any gifts that might be presented.

We ask for an appropriation of at least \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. EVELYN SACKETT,

*Secretary,*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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*To the Board of Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1926:*

The work of the library has progressed very satisfactory during the year.

It is gratifying and an inspiration to the Librarian and Trustees to feel that the townspeople are genuinely interested in our library.

A great many school children and High School students come to the library for help.

Attention is called to the fact that the latest edition of Webster's New International Dictionary may be consulted at the library.

The walls and woodwork also furniture, was done over during the past year making the room very pleasing, for which we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE P. COOKE,

*Librarian.*

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### *Accessions*

Volumes added by purchase.....	223
By gift .....	15
By State .....	7
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*Circulation*

From Central Library.....	3,500
From Caryville .....	1,105
From Crook's Corner.....	900
From South School (Approximately) .....	700
From North School (Approximately) .....	250

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 6,455
*Sent to Branches*

To Caryville .....	319
To Crooks' Corner.....	281
To South School.....	239
To North School.....	225

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MARIE P. COOKE,

*Librarian.*

**BOOKS ADDED FROM JANUARY 1, 1926 TO  
DECEMBER 31, 1926**

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*Adult Fiction*

Ariel Custer .....	Hill
A New Name.....	Hill
A King by Knight.....	Wallace
Arcil Brun .....	Henriol
Black Stamp .....	Scott
Blue Window .....	Baily
Black Thunder .....	Bower
Bronze Hand .....	Wells
Big Mogul .....	Lincoln
Black Hunter .....	Curwood
Best-Man .....	Hill
Coming of Cosgrove.....	Erskine
Cleave Mystery .....	Tracy
Code of Men.....	Gordon
Caravan .....	Galsworthy
Child of the North.....	Cullum
City of Fire.....	Hill
Cloudy Jewel .....	Hill
Deep Seam .....	Bethea
Downey of the Mounted.....	Hendryx
Dark Chapter .....	Rath
Desert Brew .....	Bower
Exit Betty .....	Hill
Fathering Spinster .....	Dodd
Fifty Candles .....	Biggers
Golden Dishes .....	MacNamara
Golden Beast .....	Oppenheim
Great Valley .....	Johnson

Graustark .....	McCutcheon
High Noon .....	Garstin
Hunters Moon .....	Poole
High Forfeit.....	King
Hounds of Spring.....	Tompson
Heather Heretics .....	Goold
High Explosive .....	Phillips
Hopalong Casidys Portege.....	Mulford
Hearts of Hickory.....	Moore
Holly Hedge .....	Baily
Hill-Billy .....	Lane
Hangman's House .....	Bryne
Honk .....	Holman
High Adventure .....	Farnol
Inspector French's Case.....	Crofts
Jorgensen .....	Tupper
John Crews .....	Chapman
Kneel to the Prettiest.....	Ruck
Little White Hag.....	Beeding
Limping Man .....	Grierson
Lions Skin .....	Sabatini
Lost Pearl .....	Grierson
Labels .....	Gibbs
Miss Blake's Husband.....	Jorden
Man Under Authority.....	Dell
Manchester Royal .....	Fletcher
Mystery of .....	Hill
Miranda .....	Hill
Man of the Desert.....	Hill
Marcia Schuyler .....	Hill
Nervous Wreck .....	Rath
Old Home Town.....	Hughes
Overheard .....	Ayers
Precious Bane .....	Webt
Portrait of a Man With Red Hair.....	Walpole
Prairie Treasure .....	Hoyt
Passer By .....	Dell

Painted Stallion .....	Evarts
Padlocked .....	Beach
Peg O' My Heart.....	Manners
Rough Justice .....	Montague
Red Riding Hood.....	Jordan
Rain on the Roof.....	Meigs
Red Signal .....	Hill
Rivers End .....	Curwood
Road to Understanding.....	Porter
Shadow of the Wolf.....	Freeman
Sungazers .....	Knibbs
Shepherds .....	Oemler
Secret Harbor .....	White
Skookum Chuck .....	White
Sleeper of the Moonlit Range.....	Marshall
Shoe Bar Stratton.....	Ames
Show Boat .....	Ferber
Silver Spoon .....	Galsworthy
Shuttle .....	Burnett
Search .....	Hill
They Had to See Paris.....	Croy
Thunder on the Left.....	Morley
The Bat .....	Rinehart
Ten Commandments .....	McMahon
Tenderfoots .....	Lynde
Tomorrow's Tangle .....	Peddler
Unchanging Quest .....	Gibbs
Viaduct-Murder .....	Knox
Vanishing American .....	Grey
Van Pattern .....	Bowen
Valley of the Stars.....	Seltzer
When the Devil Was Sick.....	Rath
Woman of Shaumut.....	Carpenter
Wondering Moon .....	Weston

*Juvenile Fiction—Girl*

Admirals Champion .....	Gould
Cricket .....	Hooker

Dandelion Cottage .....	Rankin
Daughter of the Land.....	Porter
Emily Clumbs .....	Montgomery
Following the Trails at Camp.....	Algonquin
Freckles .....	Porter
Juliet is Twenty.....	Abbott
Janet, a Stock Farm Scout.....	Roy
Khaki Girls of Motor Corps.....	Brooks
Khaki Girls of Victory.....	Brooks
Keller's Anna Ruth.....	Singmaster
Little Girl of Mammouth.....	Curtis
Makeshift Farm .....	Hawthorne
Meadow Brook Girls on the Tennis Court	Aldrich
Marjorie on Beacon Hill.....	Curtis
No School Tomorrow.....	Ashum
Norma, A Flower Scout.....	Roy
Ridde Club at Home.....	Hardy
Ranch Girls in Europe.....	Vandercook
Red Cross Girls on the French Firing Line .....	Vandercook

*Juvenile Fiction—Boy*

Andy Gordon .....	Alger
Bound to Rise.....	Alger
Bonanza .....	Raine
Bascom Chest .....	Loomis
Boy Scouts Through the Big Timber...	Carter
Black Arrow .....	Stevenson
Bob Chester's Grit.....	Webster
Craig Kennedy on the Farm.....	Reeve
David Goes Voyaging.....	Putnam
Doodle .....	Reid
Frank's Campaign .....	Alger
Friends and Rivals.....	Pier
Jack Southland .....	Oertel
Golden Table .....	Paine
Hold 'Em Wyndham.....	Barbour

In Camp on White Bear Island.....	Allen
In the Rocky Mountains.....	Allen
Making His Way.....	Alger
Midshipmen All .....	Green
On the Side Lines.....	Holaday
Pine Tree Ranch.....	Binloss
Risen from the Ranks.....	Alger
Slow and Sure.....	Alger
Struggling Upward .....	Alger
Try and Trust.....	Alger
Under Two Flags.....	
West .....	Ouida
Wildfire .....	Grey

*Juvenile Fiction—Children*

Beacon Gale to Reading.....	Sullivan & Cox
Boys and Girls Wake Up Town.....	Andress
Children Story Garden.....	Broomwell
Charlie and His Coast Guards.....	Hill
Enchanted Past.....	Hodgdon
Field Martin Primer	
Field Third Reader	
Field Fourth Reader	
Field Fifth Reader	
Field Sixth Reader	
Fairy Tales, Vol. 1-2.....	Lansing
First Lessons in Learning to Study, vol. 1-2 .....	Horn
Fiber and Finish.....	Dodd
Flying Carpet .....	Asquith
Gateway to American History.....	Lang
How and Where We Live.....	Allen
Health and Success.....	Andrews
Happy Children Reader, Vol. 1-2.....	Pennell
Health and Good Citizenship.....	Andress
Journey to Health Land.....	Andress
Land of Play.....	Ketchum

Learn to Study.....	Horn
Life in the Greenwood.....	Lansing
Little Dog Ready.....	Stryker
Little Joe Otter.....	Burgess
Making of America.....	Vollintini
Music Stories for Boys and Girls.....	Cross
Nurnberg Stove and Other Stories....	Ramee
New Beacon Reader.....	Fassett
Page, Esquire and Knight.....	Lansing
Quaint Old Stories.....	Lansing
Real Stories of Geography Makers.....	Fars
Rhymes and Stories.....	Lansing
Six Little Bunkers, 10 vol.....	Hope
Tales of Pioneers and Kings.....	Hall
Tales of Captains and Conquests.....	Hall
Tales of Far Off Days.....	Hall
Tales of a Grandfather.....	Scott
Tales of Old England.....	Lansing
Those Wilson Children.....	Trowbridge
United States .....	Hilkene
Willie Foxes Diary.....	Allen

*General Literature—Non-Fiction*

Broadcasting its New Day.....	Rothafel
Feeding the Family.....	Swartz
Four American Party Leaders.....	
Grocery Clerks Who Have Become Successful .....	Bartlet
Help Yourself Lessons, 2 vol.....	Talbot
In His Service.....	Jenks
Life's Minor Collisions.....	Warner
Modern Dressmaking.....	Picken
Magara in Politics.....	Manor
Open Doors to Science.....	Caldwell
Spending the Family Income.....	Donham
Trails .....	Ferguson
The Man Nobody Knew.....	Barton

*Magazines*

American Boy  
Dumb Animals  
Child Life  
Good Housekeeping  
Literary Digest  
Popular Mechanic  
St. Nicholas

*Vital Records*

Dana, 1850  
Groton, Vol. 1  
Lawrence  
Roxbury Births, Vol. 1.  
Roxbury Marriages and Deaths, Vol. 2.  
Nantucket Births, Vol. 2.

MARIE P. COOKE,

*Librarian.*

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REPORT OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
Superintendent of Schools  
OF THE  
Town of Bellingham, Mass.  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1926

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**  
**1926-1927**

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Ruel S. Thayer, Chairman.....1929  
 Mrs. Cora E. Rhodes, Secretary.....1927  
 Mrs. Esther D. Copeland.....1928

*Superintendent*

CARROLL H. DROWN

*Truant Officers*

ALFRED NASH

E. A. STAPLES

EUGENE RIORDAN

CARROLL H. DROWN

*School Physician*

EARL R. DEVERE, M.D.

## SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

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### *Receipts*

Appropriation for Current School Expenses .....	\$35,500.00
Appropriation for 1925 Unpaid Bills .....	1,986.70
Amount for Repair of Buildings..	839.23
Amount from Well Appropriation	250.00
Amount for Officers' pay.....	173.54
Amount of Refund.....	.03
Amount of Insurance.....	82.51
Refund on Repairs.....	3.35
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	\$38,835.36
Total Amount Expended.....	36,527.74
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Balance .....	\$2,307.62

### *Reimbursements*

From General School Fund Part I	\$3,013.00
From General School Fund, Part II .....	1,552.97
For Superintendent's Salary.....	676.66
For Tuition from State.....	952.24
From Rent for Library.....	25.00
Rebate from High School Tuition.	1,923.05
Rebate from High School Transportation .....	2,135.20
Tuition from Town of Wrentham.	282.90
Tuition from Town of Franklin..	116.85
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	\$10,677.87

*Reconciliation*

Receipts .....		\$38,835.36
Reimbursements .....	\$10,677.87	
Balance .....	2,307.62	
	<hr/>	12,985.49
Net Cost of the Schools to the Town .....		<hr/> \$25,849.87

*Summary of Current Expenses*

Teachers .....	\$15,917.44
Committee Expense .....	205.95
Superintendent .....	1,294.53
Clerk .....	198.10
Transportation .....	6,979.80
Fuel .....	2,485.28
Care of Buildings.....	1,947.44
Text Books .....	539.77
Supplies .....	568.66
Miscellaneous .....	29.75
Repairs .....	1,278.11
Health .....	307.75
Tuition .....	3,877.15
New Equipment .....	700.73
Incidentals .....	197.28
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Total Expenditures .....	\$36,527.74

*Current Expenses Itemized*

Teachers' Salaries .....	\$15,917.44
Lula Cole .....	\$1,299.96
Marion Maranville .....	652.05
Althine Wyman .....	510.35
Lucy A. Hill.....	1,350.00
Rose Cassidy .....	1,149.89

Isabel Scott .....	1,041.58	
Lora Estes .....	949.99	
Gertrude Rhodes .....	1,149.89	
Gertrude Green .....	970.84	
Mae Ryan .....	1,149.89	
Margaret Lennon .....	1,299.96	
Clara Macy .....	1,149.89	
Laura Fitzpatrick .....	891.66	
Mabel Drake .....	1,149.89	
Helen Nelson .....	395.85	
Carrie Forrestall .....	458.25	
Beulah C. Thompson.....	187.50	
Frances B. Settle.....	160.00	
Text Books .....		\$539.77
Houghton Mifflin Co.....	\$4.48	
Edw. E. Babb Co.....	32.12	
Rand, McNally Co.....	20.92	
Benj. Sanborn Co.....	74.05	
Arlo Publishing Co.....	21.54	
Ginn & Co.....	53.49	
World Book Co.....	28.87	
C. H. Drown.....	3.95	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	95.03	
American Book Co.....	24.54	
Little, Brown & Co.....	21.91	
State of Vermont.....	7.50	
Lyons & Carnahan.....	12.75	
Dura Binding Co.....	6.30	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	35.87	
The Macmillan Co.....	56.43	
G. C. Merriam Co.....	6.00	
J. B. Lippincott Co.....	.56	
Standard Book Co.....	33.46	
Supplies .....		\$568.66
Avery & Woodbury Co.....	\$203.00	
Fuller Brush Co.....	4.25	
Dowling School Supply.....	92.67	

J. L. Hammett Co.....	192.04	
Thos. Groom Co.....	26.00	
C. H. Drown.....	10.28	
Reformatory for Women.....	13.02	
Wright & Potter.....	2.07	
Wilbur D. Gilpatrick.....	6.74	
L. F. Thayer & Son.....	.25	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.....	14.39	
J. F. Curran.....	3.15	
H. S. Chadbourne Co.....	.80	
Care of Buildings.....		\$1,947.44
Alfred Nash .....	\$600.00	
Eugene Riordan .....	504.00	
John McCarthy .....	449.19	
E. A. Staples.....	393.68	
L. F. Thayer & Son.....	.57	
Fuel .....		\$2,485.28
C. E. Rhodes.....	\$146.50	
W. H. Hatfield.....	37.00	
Edmund Goggin .....	116.00	
Hunter & Burgess.....	118.00	
L. F. Thayer & Son.....	2,067.78	
Miscellaneous .....		\$29.75
Union Light & Power Co.....	\$9.75	
Cornelius Allen .....	10.00	
Michael Gorman .....	10.00	
Repairs .....		\$1,278.11
H. S. Dallman Co.....	\$1.05	
W. R. Grant.....	2.12	
Harold Hogarth .....	197.02	
Masury-Young .....	49.46	
H. S. Chadbourne Co.....	74.74	
L. F. Estes.....	12.39	
Eldredge & Son.....	611.73	
J. B. Sanderson.....	127.50	
Frank C. Albee.....	85.00	
Walter Thayer .....	53.60	

L. F. Thayer & Son.....	2.50	
Eugene Riordan .....	11.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	50.00	
Health .....		\$307.75
Maud E. Gray.....	\$130.00	
J. M. French, M.D.....	50.00	
E. R. Devere, M.D.....	50.00	
A. H. Sweet Co.....	2.75	
District Nursing Association..	75.00	
Transportation .....		\$6,979.80
L. F. Thayer.....	\$611.00	
E. J. Wentzel.....	648.00	
Harold Burr .....	864.00	
Geo. Melrose .....	504.00	
Johnson Bus Lines, Inc.....	4,000.00	
Milford & Uxbridge St. Ry. Co.	200.00	
Hiram Crooks .....	152.80	
Tuition .....		\$3,877.15
Town of Medway.....	\$400.00	
Town of Franklin.....	2,371.50	
Town of Milford.....	1,105.65	
New Equipment .....		\$700.73
E. A. Staples.....	\$45.40	
F. Hebert .....	50.13	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins.....	514.70	
C. W. Ruggles.....	12.00	
H. S. Chadbourne Co.....	20.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	36.00	
Mass. State Reformatory.....	22.50	
Incidentals .....		\$197.28
Stewart Press .....	\$15.00	
C. E. Rhodes.....	2.52	
C. H. Drown.....	23.00	
L. F. Thayer & Son.....	15.75	
Woonsocket Evening Call.....	4.00	
R. P. Smith.....	49.00	
John McCarthy .....	7.78	

Charlescraft Press .....	8.10	
Herbert Mann .....	3.62	
Esther D. Copeland.....	35.00	
L. E. Whitney.....	33.51	
Paid for Clerk.....		\$198.10
Superintendent .....		1,294.53
Committee Expense .....		205.95
Esther D. Copeland.....	\$47.12	
C. E. Rhodes.....	105.02	
Ruel Thayer .....	53.81	
Total Current Expenses.....		<hr/> \$36,527.74

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ruel S. Thayer, Chairman.....	Term Expires 1929
Mrs. Cora E. Rhodes, Secretary.....	Term Expires 1927
Mrs. Esther D. Copeland.....	Term Expires 1928

## NORTH BUILDING

Grade	Name	Local Address	Preparation
VI, VIII.....	Margaret Lennor.....	Franklin, 88 E. Central St.	Bridgewater Normal
III, IV.....	Clara Macy.....	North Bellingham	Hyannis Normal, Summer session
V, VI.....	Laura Fitzpatrick.....	North Bellingham	Framingham Normal
I, II.....	Mabel Drake.....	North Bellingham	Framingham Normal

## CENTER BUILDING

VI, VII, VIII.....	Lula Cole.....	Bellingham	Summer Normal; B. U. Course in Music
IV, V.....	Helen Nelson.....	Bellingham	Framingham Normal
I, II, III.....	Carrie Forrestall.....	Bellingham	

## SOUTH BUILDING

VII, VIII.....	Lucy A. Hill.....	Woonsocket, R. I., R. F. D. No. 1	W. Malden Commercial School
VI.....	Mrs. Rose Cassidy.....	Blackstone, 19 Main St.	W. Palmer School of Penmanship
V.....	Isabel Scott.....	Franklin, 108 Cottage St.	R. I. State Normal, 1 year
IV.....	Lora Estes.....	Blackstone, R. F. D.	Bridgewater Normal
III.....	Gertrude Rhodes.....	Woonsocket, R. F. D. No. 1	Summer School
II.....	Gertrude Green.....	Franklin, 28 Stubbs Ave.	Hyannis Normal, Summer sessions
I.....	Mae Ryan.....	Woonsocket, 566 South Main St.	Bridgewater Normal
			Worcester Normal

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY—Concluded.

## SOUTH BUILDING—Concluded.

Grade	Name	Local Address.	Preparation
Substitute	Mrs. Ruel Thayer	Bellingham	Maine Normal
Music Supervisor	Frances B. Settle	Hopedale, 98 Dutcher St.	N. E. Conservatory of Music, A. I. N. M.
School Physician	Earl R. Devere, M.D.	Woonsocket, 1173 Social St.	Tel. Woonsocket 1035
Supt. of Schools	Carroll H. Drown	Hopedale, Office Dutcher St. Bldg.	Tel. Milford 904
School Nurses	Helen C. Grady, R.N.	Milford, Dist. Nurs. Asso.	Tel. Milford 862
	Carrie Landers	Medway, Dist. Nurs. Asso.	Tel. Medway 5-11

## JANITORS

North Building	Eugene Riordan	North Bellingham
Center Building	Alfred Nash	Bellingham
South Building	E. A. Staples	Woonsocket, R. I., R. F. D. No. 1

## BARGE DRIVERS

No. Center Route	E. J. Wentzel	Medway, R. F. D.
Northeast Route	George Melrose	North Bellingham
South Route	Harold Burr	Woonsocket, R. I., R. F. D. No. 1

## EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES GRANTED

Office of Superintendent of Schools, Hopedale, Mass.

Miss Lucy A. Hill, South Building

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at the Center Building on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P. M.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1927

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### *First Winter Term*

Opens January 3                      Closes February 18—7 weeks  
(Vacation One Week)

### *Second Winter Term*

Opens February 28                      Closes April 8—6 weeks  
(Vacation One Week)

### *Spring Term*

Opens April 18                      Closes June 10—8 weeks  
(Summer Vacation)

### *Fall Term*

Opens September 6                      Closes December 16—15 weeks  
Winter term opens January 3, 1928.

## LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, December 25, January 1, February 22, April 19, and May 30. There will be no session of schools on the Friday following Thanksgiving. When a holiday comes upon Sunday, the following Monday becomes a holiday.

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The Town cannot have a "No School Signal." Schools will not be closed on account of weather unless it is practically impossible or unreasonable for children to attend. When parents feel that it is very unwise for their chil-

dren to go to school, they are advised to keep them at home. All other days children must attend school according to law.

### IMPORTANT REGULATION

A regulation of the School Department is that no child can enter school for the first time unless such child shall become six years of age on or before January 1 of the year following the fall term when he wishes to enter school. (For entrance to school this coming fall term a child must be six years of age on or before January 1, 1928.)

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The attention of parents is called to the following facts of the State Laws governing school attendance.

Every child from seven to fourteen years of age, unless he is physically or mentally unfit, and until he is sixteen years, unless he has completed the sixth grade, shall attend school all the time it is in session. Every child from fourteen to sixteen years of age shall attend school unless such child has received an employment certificate and is regularly employed according to law for at least six hours per day.

All minors under sixteen working in towns or cities which maintain Continuation Schools, must attend the Continuation Schools as prescribed by law.

If a child fails to attend school according to law for seven day sessions or fourteen half-day sessions, the child shall be considered an habitual truant and may be sent to a truant school.

If a parent or guardian fails to cause the child under his charge to attend school according to law, he shall be fined not over twenty dollars for each offence.

We have a very few truant cases which, if continued, it will be necessary, in order to comply with the law, that the parents and truants be called into court.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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*To the School Committee and Citizens of Bellingham:*

Since this report is called for some weeks earlier than in previous years, brevity is excusable.

It is difficult to report in a brief space the various plans and doings of the several departments of a school system.

During the past year the school work has been carried on very smoothly with a pleasing degree of success.

Although the salaries paid are not large, our schools are fortunate in having teachers, every one of whom is equal to the task before her; is devoted to her work and is deeply interested in the welfare of the boys and girls of the schools. The new teachers have shown themselves capable, and are exhibiting the same splendid spirit as those who have been with us previously.

While the management of some of our schools requires strong personalities, in general the schools are being especially well managed. There were only two changes in teachers this past year. This situation tends to give permanency and effectiveness to school work.

One of our greatest problems still is lack of ability and inclination for scholastic attainment. This condition is very generally manifest in other schools as well as in ours. The numerous attractions of these times deter children from working for high scholarship. It is quite natural that children should partake of that spirit which is now rather prevalent in business and other interests of life, to struggle only far enough "to get by."

We note that the general attempt throughout the country for curricula revision to meet the demands of progress seems so far to be merely simplifying of requirements and the lessening of demands of instruction in school subjects.

One of the most notable features of operating the schools of the town is the continual increased amount of funds necessary for annual current expenses. This increased cost does not mean wholly increased advantages. It can be readily seen that the continual increase in school pupils must increase the cost of maintaining the schools.

During the past few years the number of school children in the town has increased from a little over three hundred to seven hundred and seventy-nine according to census figures this year. It has been necessary to change the number of teachers from nine of a few years ago, to fourteen at present. The Center primary school has an enrollment of fifty-two and the grammar school of forty. If the number of pupils continues to increase it will be only a short time before we shall be obliged to open another school in the Center building. This may become necessary next September, but it will not be done until it becomes a necessity.

The number of High School pupils at present is fifty-seven in place of the previous number, a little over twenty. The number of pupils to be transported has greatly increased. The High School tuition rates have more than doubled. Transportation fares have also gone up. Probably all voters are not aware that the transportation cost this past year was nearly \$7,000.00. Indeed, transportation is becoming an expensive problem. Cost of fuel and all other items is much more than formerly. These conditions are sufficient explanation for the need of an appropriation for next year, larger than in any previous year.

There has been a change of one janitor this year, and the same barge drivers were engaged.

Just before the opening of the fall term, Mr. Francis L. Thayer, who has transported the school children over the Scott Hill route for the past twenty-six years, decided not to continue carrying the children this year. It was with sincere regret that the Committee accepted his resignation.

During all these years Mr. Thayer has never failed to get the children to school whenever school could be in session. Many times he traveled through deep snow and frequently through deeper mud. For years the children were transported by team only; then later when the automobile came into use, and whenever it was not possible for it to travel, Mr. Thayer was always ready with horses and wagons or sleds. Until recent improvements were made, during a part of the year the roads of this route were in a very bad condition and traveling very difficult. After rendering such efficient service for so long a time under unfavorable conditions, it seemed as though he should have enjoyed continuing his route now that the road is in good condition.

With a few exceptions, and those without reason, there were no complaints of that transportation service. Many of these school children, now grown up, have a grateful remembrance of Mr. Thayer's carefulness and thoughtfulness in taking them to and from school in security.

The children of this route are now being transported by the Johnson Bus Co. This was the logical and right arrangement after Mr. Thayer resigned.

With the exception of three routes all of the children of the town are now transported by the Bus Company. We greatly appreciate the assistance and kindness of the Bus Company and drivers.

The program of graduation is given as a part of this report. The number of pupils graduating for High School entrance is constantly increasing and the standard of preparation is growing higher.

The boys' and girls' clubs have made a splendid showing under the direction of the Extension Service Workers, Mr. Dizer, Miss Hayes and now Mr. Patton. Girls' clubs are now being carried on with the assistance of Miss Fitzpatrick at the North, Miss Cole at the Center and Miss Gladys Cook at the South. Handicraft and poultry clubs for the boys have begun.

Although it does increase school expenditures, the larger the number of pupils who take the advantages of a high school education, the more pleasing it is to citizens and especially parents. Our pupils in the high schools they attend are doing very commendable work and attain their share of the honors of merit. The increased opportunities of the new Franklin High School building are of great advantage to our pupils.

The instruction in music was going especially well in our schools and we regretted that we had to make a change in supervisor in the fall and especially again after the Christmas vacation, when Mrs. Settle was not able to return on account of illness at her home.

Miss Thompson resigned to become Mrs. Ripley and she had best wishes for life's happiness and success from all connected with the Bellingham schools.

The following necessary repairs were made on the buildings during the last summer's vacation. The interior of the Center building was thoroughly refinished by tinting and varnishing. The seats and desks of the grammar room, which were in a very bad condition, were smoothed down and varnished. One schoolroom at the North which was not refinished at the time the others were, was put in excellent condition this summer. Some new door checks have been put on outside doors, and minor repairs made on toilet buildings, and seats in schoolrooms as needed. The installation of the water system at the South building was completed.

Since there were not seats enough for all pupils, thirty new ones were purchased for the fifth and sixth grade

room of the North building, and the same number of seats were provided for the fifth grade room in the South building.

Considerable needed repairs were planned to be done this fall on the foundation of the North building, but weather conditions prevented completion of this work.

The following improvements in the buildings are essential for next year:

Repair of foundation for the North building.

Minor repairs on all toilet buildings.

Smoothing and varnishing desks in the South and Center buildings.

More new seats for these two buildings.

Preparing and re-seeding lawn front of South building.

The roof of the North building needs attention.

The South building is much in need of painting. This need ought to be carefully considered by the voters, and we recommend that this work be provided for by a special appropriation.

It cannot be many years before we shall be obliged to provide the advantages of water toilet systems in all the buildings. Electric lights in the buildings would be of advantage to the schools on dark days.

Before schools opened in September arrangements were made with the Milford District Nursing Association for taking care of the school nurse work in the South and Center buildings. Miss Helen Grady was delegated school nurse for these two buildings. Miss Grady is doing most effective work and winning the high esteem of all connected with the schools. Miss Landers does the school nurse work at the North school under the direction of the Medway Nursing Association, Miss Lincoln having resigned before the fall term.

The South Bellingham Parent-Teacher Association is flourishing and is of much real assistance to the schools.

With funds previously raised by the South schools a Keystone View Lantern has been purchased. The Superintendent has made considerable use of this in showing slides of European countries.

If democracy of which so much has been said is to succeed, there is yet a great work to be done in the education of its subjects.

Some of the greatest needs of society today are more common aims and ideals.

Monarchies succeeded when the masses were encouraged and forced to think and act with their leaders, or ruler; thus the people had common interests. Increase in freedom of thought has tended to lessen common interests.

Is education tending to make people more contented and happy and more interested in the common welfare? If it is not, our methods and courses of instruction should be improved.

Our schools have a great work to do in training for a larger appreciation of the necessity for regulations governing the conduct of society, for greater reverence for government and obedience to law.

Thoughtfulness and sympathy for the wishes and welfare of others, courtesy, carefulness, reliability, faith and a conscience keen for right doing, are essential characteristics of a prosperous and happy people. Training for such elements as these should be the goal in all school instruction. Instruction in health, safety, conservation of human energy and of our country's great natural resources is important.

These suggestions do not imply that training should be for the idealistic alone. Real humanism is a valuable characteristic of an educated person. Society needs much of it.

Character and heart training is more valuable to society than training of the intellect and conventionalisms.

True character can be taught to a large extent through the means of the regular subjects of the school curricula.

Someone has said that the purpose of democracy is so to organize society that each member may develop his personality primarily through activities designed for the well-being of society as a whole. Consequently education in our republic both within and without the school should develop in each individual the knowledge, interests, ideals, habits and powers whereby he will find his place and use that place to shape both himself and society toward nobler ends.

If education does not make better citizens of all instead of better criminals of some, it is faulty and lacks a great essential element. Right personality of teachers is more effective in proper training than are attractive text books and elaborate equipment.

The Bellingham schools have accomplished much this past year toward reaching these desired goals.

The American public schools should mean more to the nation today than ever before.

The blessings of liberty for which our nation's founders so bravely fought, the greatness of our beloved country, the true significance of our glorious flag and the real meaning of democracy should be better appreciated today even than eight years ago at the close of the great war.

We must depend upon the school as the greatest means for the training of these high ideals.

Although it has been written in previous reports, the Superintendent wishes to express his real appreciation of the co-operation and help given by all connected with the Bellingham schools. Our work together has been most harmonious.

The spirit of the school children has been most loyal and helpful. I heartily thank them for their generous remembrance of me at Christmas time, and for their kindness in assistance and in trying to do their best in school at all times.

The School Committee, town officials and teachers have always willingly assisted the Superintendent in his attempts to make the Bellingham schools the best possible. For this we are truly grateful. Such harmonious conditions are certain to bring successful school work.

Although schools and education do cost much (far less is paid for education in this country than for needless luxuries), they are the best investment we have. The greatest incentive we, of this generation, have for our work in life is that which we may do for the generations to follow us.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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*Mr. Carroll H. Drown, Superintendent of Schools:*

The following is the report of the School Nursing done in Bellingham Center and in South Bellingham from September 17th to December 31st, 1926.

In September Dr. Devere examined 330 children with the nurse assisting.

The defects found were:

Poor teeth .....	15
Large tonsils .....	18
Large adenoids .....	20
Extremely poor posture.....	6
Defective hearts .....	2
Asthma .....	1
Rickets .....	2
Enlarged glands .....	1
Crippled hip .....	1

Notices of these defects were sent to all parents. About five of these have been corrected.

In October a regular school program was started, visiting both schools on Friday of each week.

School nursing means teaching health or teaching the school child how to keep well. We strive to make certain health rules, habits, to become a part of the child's daily routine through life.

Some of the means we use are health talks, drills, games, weighing and measuring, class room inspection and individual inspection, and example, and advice. The very uniform a nurse wears, her clean collar and cuffs,

and her common sense shoes are incentives to the child, especially from the sixth grade up.

It is hard sometimes to get results when conditions are such as they are at the Center School. For instance, we teach that the hands should be washed before handling food, and that three glasses of water a day should be taken to keep clean inside. The conveniences for carrying out these requirements are not always sufficient.

I also think that there should be some arrangement for toilet paper in the toilets.

Twenty home visits have been made. These visits have been for following up suspicious contagious cases, visits to parents explaining some physical defects, or looking up some absentee whose absence cannot be accounted for.

It is pleasure to work with the teachers in Bellingham. They have co-operated with me in every way.

I wish to thank all who have helped to make these first four months a success.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

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### *To the Superintendent of Schools:*

In making this report, I am grouping all of the districts which make up the Town of Bellingham.

Primary Grades. The first of the year the problem of teaching children known as monotonists, greets the supervisor of music. This is especially a condition of pupils of the first grade, although monotonists may be found in any grade. There are several causes which may make it difficult for a child to sing. There may be a malformation of the throat or tongue, he may be deaf, or have enlarged tonsils. Happily, most of the children are not in this class; they can't sing because they never have tried before, or never have tried songs especially suited to their voices and to their abilities. I have made great effort to do as much individual work as possible with these children. The teachers have helped by working daily, and it is through their faithfulness we have been able to cut down the number of children who were in the group of those unable to sing.

In these lower grades we have marched to music and have done some of the simpler folk dances to develop a sense of rhythm. We have dramatized songs and have made paper caps and various things to help us carry out an interpretation of the songs we learned.

In the intermediate grades there was, and yet remains, much syllable work to be covered before the children are up to grade, but they are willing to work and have done well.

The upper grades where the new books have been placed are doing particularly fine work, and it is a joy to work with them, too.

In all of the grades, I have tried to create in the children, a desire to do the very best work of which they are capable. I have tried to train them to use their ears, as an artist uses his eyes, so that they may be keenly aware of shades of tone quality and discriminate between mediocre work and fine. They are quick in realizing the difference between shouting, and good full tone which is musical, even while it may be loud.

I am glad you are using the "Progressive Music Books." They contain songs adapted to the particular experiences of a child's life at its different stages. They are planned with a realization of the condition and range of the pupils' voices. Each book forms a definite basis of instruction for the work which follows, as well as for that particular period.

The greatest need now, is for victrola records that the children may realize the beauties of the world's finest music performed by its greatest artists. It is almost impossible to appreciate the best music unless one hears it many times; it is equally impossible not to love it if one does hear it many times. Our boys and girls should know the world's best music as they do its literature.

Education should have a two-fold purpose—not *merely* training a child for his life work, but also training him how to use his leisure time pleasantly and profitably. What happier way than enjoying good music?

I want to thank the committee for their co-operation, and the teachers whose loyalty and faithfulness in carrying out lessons have meant a great deal.

I am particularly indebted to you, Mr. Drown, your knowledge of music has made you understand the prob-

lems I have been working out, and I am grateful to you for many helpful suggestions.

I have enjoyed my work, and it is a bitter disappointment to me to have to give it up just when I was getting familiar with the work and problems of the different classes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES B. SETTLE,

*Supervisor of Music.*

**GRADUATION EXERCISES OF BELLINGHAM  
EIGHTH GRADES**

TOWN HALL

Friday Afternoon, June 11, 1926, 2:00 P. M.

Music

Miss Thompson

Invocation

Rev. A. L. Murray

Address of Welcome

Zyamunt Oborsky, First Rank

Song—"Stars Brightly Shining"

North School

Essay—An Attempt to Find the North Pole

Michael Matwiow

Essay—Story of Armenia

Mary Avadanian

Essay—Safety First

Josie Sendrowski

Song—Duett

Gertrude Fortin, Francesca Krystalowicz

Essay—Boy Scouts

Zyamunt Oborsky

Essay—Transportation and Communication

Sophie Bis

Essay—Some Famous Mountain Peaks

Francis Gendron

Song—"Dance of the Fairies"

Center School

Essay—Abraham Lincoln

Harriett White

Essay—4-H Club

Marjorie Belcher

Essay—Physical Training for School Children

Grace Tyndall

Piano Duett

Evelyn Tebo, Edith Camp

Essay—The World War

Alexander Kokolski

Essay—Gifts of the Forests

Edith Camp

Essay—From Wool to Cloth

Marion Mason

Violin Solo

Mary Hoothay

Essay—What is Seen in Japan

Evelyn Tebo

Essay—Corn

Stasia Bozek

Essay—Salmon

Francesca Krystalowicz

Song—"Forget-me-not"

South School

Essay—The Rounding of Seattle

Joseph Ridolfi

Essay—Early Life in History of United States

Michael Puricz

Piano Solo

Helen Carrier

Essay and Valedictory—History of Washington

Lois Wentzel, Second Rank

Presentation of Diplomas

Ruel Thayer, Chairman of School Committee

Class Song

Benediction

Rev. A. L. Murray

Reception

# **BELLINGHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES**

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## **NORTH**

Thomas Mahon	Josephine Sendrowski
Edith Thayer Camp	Francis Joseph Gendron
Joseph Louis Ridolfi	Evelyn Ida Tebo
Grace Willith Tyndall	Charlie Gallagher

## **CENTER**

Mary Pearl Avadanian	Lois Elinor Wentzel
Mary Hoothay	Zygmunt A. Oborsky
Marion Adelaide Mason	Chester Frank Knights
Marjorie Ernestine Belcher	

## **SOUTH**

Sophie Barbara Bis	Lindon Murray
Stasia Bozek	Arthur White
Helen Carrier	Harriett White
Gertrude Fortin	Michael Puricz
Alexander Kokolski	Francesca Krystalowicz
Michael Matwiow	

## BELLINGHAM CENTER 4-H CLUB ENTERTAINMENT AND EXHIBITION

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### PROGRAM

Danish Dance of Greeting.....	Grade I
Virginia Reel.....	Grade II
A Meeting of the Nations.....	Intermediate Room
Violin Solo.....	Mary Hoothay
The Nurse's Dream	
Dr. Good Health.....	Zygmunt Oborsky
Nurse Strong.....	Pauline Smith
Nurse Good Food.....	Gladys Tower
Nurse Fresh Air.....	Annie Strathie
Nurse Pure Water.....	Edith Draper
Nurse Early Bed.....	Marion Mason
Nurse Bath .....	Ruth Brothers
Nurse Sensible Clothing.....	Hazel Hatfield
Nurse Exercise.....	Marjorie Belcher
Nurse Anti.....	Evelyn Rattie
King of Germland.....	Anthony Lute
Scarlet Fever .....	Herbert Ambler
Diphtheria.....	Harry Srabian
Measles.....	Alec Jharad
Tuberculosis .....	Florence Rattie
Small Pox.....	Berge Avadanian
Influenza.....	Andor de Jony
Pneumonia.....	Michael Hoothay
Typhoid.....	Zina Cranson
Mumps.....	Alec Lute
Fairy.....	Lois Wentzel
Sun.....	John Sullivan

Air.....	Dorothy Shannon
Mary Thin.....	Dorothea Ambler
Katherine Vanity.....	Julia Mason
Mrs. Movie.....	Mary Avadanian
John Movie (her son).....	Lucien Allaire
A newsboy.....	Robert Thompson
Miss Adipose.....	Dorothy Spencer
Two girls.....	Agnes Froment, Stella Peloquin
Boy.....	Arsher Srabian

*Charters and pins were awarded by Mr. Howe and  
Miss Hayes*

## REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS

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December, 1926

Number of pupils examined.....	454
Number found defective in eyesight.....	56
Number found defective in hearing.....	12
Number of parents notified.....	51

### COMPARATIVE COST PER PUPIL OF TOWNS OF APPROXIMATE POPULATION

Town	Cost per Pupil
Bellingham .....	\$65.85
East Longmeadow .....	79.99
Wilbraham .....	87.53
Millville .....	61.18
Dighton .....	72.85
Blackstone .....	61.32
Southboro (s) (Pop. 2,000) .....	154.45
Barre .....	80.94
Hopedale .....	92.30
Nantucket .....	78.64
Medway .....	73.67
Hardwick .....	117.12
No. Brookfield .....	88.97
Ayer .....	73.04
Bourne .....	118.31
Deerfield .....	91.41
Cohasset .....	113.10
Weston .....	144.07
Belchertown .....	88.54
Lenox .....	114.65
Hadley .....	63.25
Holliston .....	91.13
Pepperell .....	71.60
Norton .....	79.76
Hanover .....	68.18
Scituate .....	123.06
Hatfield .....	64.80
Hopkinton .....	76.82

The above figures show that the cost per pupil for Bellingham is less than for most towns in the list.

# ENROLLMENT BY GRADES JANUARY 1, 1927, AND BY AGES OCTOBER 1, 1926

		BOYS																
Grades	Ages	5½	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total		
I	.....	4	22	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35		
II	.....	..	6	17	13	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	42		
III	.....	..	..	2	25	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	36		
IV	.....	..	..	..	4	15	8	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	32		
V	.....	..	..	..	..	5	7	5	8	6	3	..	..	..	..	34		
VI	.....	..	..	..	..	..	6	11	9	3	5	2	..	..	..	36		
VII	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	7	6	1	..	..	..	20		
VIII	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	7	2	2	..	..	..	18		
Total Boys.....		4	28	27	43	25	26	26	29	24	16	5	..	..	..	253		
		GIRLS																
Grades	Ages	5½	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total		
I	.....	6	19	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27		
II	.....	..	3	12	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21		
III	.....	..	2	2	8	8	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23		
IV	.....	..	..	1	6	12	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	28		
V	.....	..	..	..	..	3	17	9	1	5	1	..	..	..	..	36		
VI	.....	..	..	..	..	..	4	21	7	5	1	..	..	..	..	38		
VII	.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	12	6	2	..	..	..	..	26		
VIII	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	10	2	..	..	..	..	16		
Total Girls.....		6	24	17	17	26	29	39	24	27	6	..	..	..	..	215		
Grand Totals		10	52	44	60	51	55	65	53	51	22	5	..	..	..	468		
Numbers appearing in heavy figures are ranked as normal.																		
Number of Pupils in High Schools..... 57																		
Total Number of Bellingham Pupils Attending Public Schools..... 525																		

SCHOOLS																																								
Total Enrollment		Boys		Girls		Non-Resident		Aggregate Attendance		Average Daily Attendance		Average Membership		Enrollment April 1, 1926		Boys		Girls		Total Number Not Enrolled in Any Other Town in State		Boys		Girls		Number of Pupils 5 to 7 Years of Age		Number of Pupils 7 to 14 Years of Age		Number of Pupils 14 to 16 Years of Age		Number of Pupils Over 16 Years of Age		Number of Pupils Having Perfect Attendance		Per Cent of Attendance				
North Building—																																								
Grades 6, 7, 8....		39	18	21	2	5,662	33.3	36.51	39	18	21	39	18	21	39	18	21	39	18	21	39	18	21	39	18	21	0	26	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	90.45	
Grade 5.....		19	6	13	1	2,868	16.87	18.65	19	6	13	19	6	13	19	6	13	19	6	13	19	6	13	19	6	13	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92.38	
Grades 3, 4.....		41	20	21	0	6,047	35.78	38.73	41	20	21	41	20	21	41	20	21	41	20	21	41	20	21	41	20	21	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	88.81	
Grades 1, 2.....		36	20	16	4	5,133	30.31	34.13	36	20	16	36	20	16	36	20	16	36	20	16	36	20	16	36	20	16	8	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	88.81	
Center Building—																																								
Grades 6, 7, 8....		32	14	18	2	4,569	26.79	28.75	31	14	17	31	13	18	31	13	18	31	13	18	31	13	18	31	13	18	0	18	11	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	93.18	
Grade 5.....		52	22	30	5	7,056.5	41.38	44.21	52	22	30	52	22	30	52	22	30	52	22	30	52	22	30	52	22	30	0	41	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	93.59	
Grades 3, 4, 5....		39	23	16	3	4,744	27.82	31.12	29	17	12	36	22	14	36	22	14	36	22	14	36	22	14	36	22	14	12	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	89.39	
South Building—																																								
Grades 7, 8.....		46	19	27	2	6,044	35.65	37.88	45	18	27	45	18	27	45	18	27	45	18	27	45	18	27	45	18	27	0	31	14	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	94.11	
Grade 6.....		42	18	24	1	5,801	34.22	37.22	40	18	22	40	16	24	40	16	24	40	16	24	40	16	24	40	16	24	0	37	3	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	91.93	
Grade 5.....		43	23	20	1	6,258	36.91	39.95	43	23	20	43	22	19	42	22	19	42	22	19	42	22	19	42	22	19	0	38	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	92.39	
Grade 4.....		34	16	18	0	4,040.5	23.90	26.95	26	14	12	31	16	15	31	16	15	31	16	15	31	16	15	31	16	15	0	30	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	88.68	
Grade 3.....		35	18	17	0	3,837.5	22.64	24.83	35	18	17	34	17	17	34	17	17	34	17	17	34	17	17	34	17	17	0	32	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	91.18	
Grade 2.....		35	22	13	2	4,363	25.74	28.03	28	16	12	33	20	13	33	20	13	33	20	13	33	20	13	33	20	13	2	32	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	91.83	
Grade 1.....		38	26	12	0	5,120	30.20	33.56	34	24	10	38	26	12	38	26	12	38	26	12	38	26	12	38	26	12	17	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	89.98	
Totals.....		531	265	266	23	71,543.5	421.51	460.52	498	247	251	503	250	253	39	415	49	3	19	91.35																				

**REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF**  
and the  
**INSTALLATION OF AN ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR**  
**THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM**

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Made in Accordance with the Provisions of  
Chapter 44, General Laws  
May 12, 1926

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
*Department of Corporations and Taxation*  
**DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS**  
State House, Boston

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To the Board of Selectmen,  
Mr. Harold M. Bullard, Chairman,  
Bellingham, Massachusetts.

*Gentlemen:*

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from January 1, 1925 to March 15, 1926, and the installation of a system of accounts, as petitioned for by vote of the town and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,

**THEODORE N. WADDELL,**

*Director of Accounts.*

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,  
Director of Accounts,  
Department of Corporations and Taxation,  
State House, Boston.

*Sir:*

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from January 1, 1925 to March 15, 1926, and have installed a system of accounts as petitioned for by vote of the town and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, the following report thereon being submitted:

The appropriations voted by the town were listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, and a comparison was made with the aggregate of the orders chargeable against the various appropriations, it being found that several accounts had been overdrawn, which is in violation of the provision of Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two-thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two-thirds of the selectmen.

It has been the practice for the town to vote appropriations for town officers' pay, incidentals, printing, insurance, and a contingency and deficiency fund. The charges against these accounts are for activities in charge of different elected or appointed officials; and as these officials do not have specific amounts allotted for their use, they cannot properly plan their work for the year and overdrafts are likely to result. I would therefore recommend that, in the future, separate appropriations be made for each department, and that departmental officials be re-

quired to keep their expenditures within the sums appropriated for their use.

It was also noted that bills contracted in 1925 were carried over and paid from the appropriations voted for the year 1926. This practice should be discontinued, since to carry forward bills contracted in one year to be paid from the appropriation voted for the following year is as much a violation of Section 31, previously quoted, as if the bills had been paid and the overdrafts shown on the books.

In checking the appropriation accounts it was noted that it was voted to pay \$200 to the Woonsocket Firemen's Relief Association and \$100 to the Woonsocket Nurses' Association. I am of the opinion that the town cannot legally vote to appropriate money in this manner, as it is in violation of Section 2, Article 3 of the Re-arranged Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The town can, of course, appropriate money for the services of a nurse or for the services of firemen, but payments therefor must be made to the individuals performing the service and not in the form of a gratuity to any association or society.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined, the cash book was footed, the receipts from January 1, 1925 to March 15, 1926, were compared with departmental records where such records were available, and the bank account was reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank. The payments for the same period were checked to the orders and to the treasurer's books.

The tax title deeds and records of tax takings held by the town were examined and listed. These items amounted to \$1,582.37 on January 1, 1926, but their value is so uncertain that I have set up a reserve account in the accountant's ledger for the amount, the assets represented by them not being available for appropriation until the actual cash has been received.

Tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax title accounts are appended to this report.

The licenses issued, as shown by the records of the selectmen and the town clerk, were checked, and the payments to the treasurer, the Commonwealth, and the county were verified.

Tables showing summaries of the dog, and hunting, and fishing licenses issued are appended to this report.

The tax collector's accounts were examined for the years 1923 to 1925, inclusive, the payments to the treasurer, as recorded on the collector's books, were checked to the treasurer's books and the abatements were checked with the assessors' record of abatements granted.

The outstanding accounts were listed and the commitments reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and from the replies received, I am satisfied that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Th savings bank books representing the cemetery perpetual care funds were examined and found to be as reported.

The surety bonds of the treasurer and the collector were examined and found to be in proper form. The town clerk, however, is not bonded as required by the provision of Section 13, Chapter 41, General Laws, which is as follows:

Every town clerk shall, within ten days after his qualification, give bond to the town for the faithful performance of his duties, in such sum and with such sureties as the selectmen may approve. If he does not give bond within the time prescribed, the selectmen may declare the office vacant and fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed in the following section.

The books and accounts under the new system were opened as of January 1, 1926, and the financial transactions to March 31 were entered therein.

The system as installed provides for a reporting by every department, on especially designed forms, to the accounting officer of all transactions relating to the finances of the town.

A list of the books and forms provided for the town, together with a brief description of their use and certain general instructions relative to the keeping of the accounts, follows:

- Journal for accounting officer
- Cash book for accounting officer
- Ledger for accounting officer
- Classification book for accounting officer
- Cash book for treasurer
- Schedule of department bills payable
- Treasury warrants
- Schedule of departmental payments to treasurer
- Schedule of treasurer's receipts
- Schedule of tax abatements allowed
- Voucher folder
- General department pay rolls
- School department pay rolls
- Monthly statements

All of these books and forms are arranged so as to simplify the reporting and make possible a proper check on the accounting of public moneys; also to insure a classification of both receipts and payments. All moneys received from every source and paid to the treasurer are also reported to the accounting officer, in whose book will be recorded all cash transactions in detail, which will furnish an absolute check on the total.

*Journal.*—This is a bound book of the ordinary two-column stock type. It forms, together with the cash book, the medium from which all entries in the general ledger

are posted, as it is of vital importance that no entry shall be originated in the general ledger.

The journal is used for keeping a record of the debiting and crediting of items in the ledger, such as opening entries, budget appropriation entries, the entering of tax commitments, the abatements of taxes, accounts receivable, and all entries which are not strictly cash book transactions.

It is important that all journal entries state clearly the ledger accounts which are to be debited and credited; also that full explanation of the entry be made, in order that the transactions may be fully understood by anyone examining the accounts.

*Cash Book (for Accounting Officer).*—This is a bound book similar to those used in ordinary commercial accounting; in this book should be entered all transactions involving the receipt or the disbursements of cash, in order that the total transactions for a given period may be shown at a glance.

All moneys received from every source will be reported to the accounting officer; therefore, in the latter's cash book will be recorded cash transactions which are similar to those of the treasurer, except in detail, and which will furnish an absolute check on the total.

*Ledger.*—This is of the loose-leaf type; when the several sheets are properly arranged and placed in the binder provided for the purpose, they form the general ledger, in which are recorded, in controlling accounts, all of the financial transactions of the town.

The accounts in the general ledger are separated and grouped in sections, as follows:

- First, Assets and liabilities
- Second, Revenue accounts
- Third, Appropriation accounts
- Fourth, Funded or Fixed debt
- Fifth, Trust funds

From the ledger, information relative to the condition of the several appropriations may be obtained readily and the administrative officers may keep constantly informed of the amounts expended; also of the amounts available for the balance of the year. This information is very necessary in view of the statute which expressly forbids the incurring of liabilities in excess of the appropriations made for the use of the several departments; unless the work is well planned, it will be found that the appropriations will be exhausted before the end of the year, with much needed work still to be done.

*Classification Book.*—This book consists of loose-leaf forms with printed headings covering the chief sources from which revenue is received and objects for which money is expended, with blank spaces which allow for additional headings to cover important items that may seem desirable. These sheets are arranged in functional order and placed in a binder provided for the purpose, thus forming the principal source of detailed information regarding the receipts and disbursements of the town. They are arranged in a classified form that is generally accepted and adopted by accountants and students of municipal affairs. Provision is made for the recording of the date of the receipt, from whom received, and the source.

On the payment side will be shown the date of the bill, to whom paid, and the purpose or object of payment.

From this book definite information can readily be obtained of every cash transaction of the town; but its chief object is to furnish classification in a scientific manner, regardless of the method of making appropriations.

This book is also designed to bring the costs of each particular function of service together, so that by knowing the costs and intelligently comparing them with the service given, the taxpayer may judge of the efficiency or inefficiency of the administrative officers.

*Cash Book (for Treasurer).*—This is a bound book especially designed for the recording of all of the cash receipts and disbursements of the treasury department in one book.

*Schedule of Bills Payable.*—On these sheets each department should list all bills approved for payment, and should forward them, accompanied by the original bills, to the accounting officer. From these the treasury warrants are prepared.

*Treasury Warrants.*—These are for listing the bills of the several departments. Warrants are submitted to the selectmen, together with the bills, for their approval, the bills first having been checked by the accounting officer and compared with the several appropriation accounts to which they are chargeable. The selectmen having signed the warrant, it is passed to the treasurer as his authority for payment.

Under the statute, the selectmen are required to approve all bills before they are paid by the treasurer; by using the treasury warrant, they can give greater attention to the bills and appropriation accounts without consuming additional time.

*Schedule of Department Payments to Treasurer.*—This form is for the use of departments, except those for which special forms are prepared, for reporting payments to the treasurer.

*Schedule of Treasurer's Receipts.*—The treasurer will use these forms in reporting the cash receipts to the accounting officer. They form the basis of the debit entries in the accounting officer's cash book, and together with the schedules of payments to the treasurer, serve as an automatic check on the cash account, furnishing the accounting officer with the necessary information for keeping his accounts up-to-date at all times and also enabling statements to be drawn off showing actual cash transactions. By the use of printed forms for the report-

ing of all items involving cash, but little time is required for reporting the same.

*Schedule of Tax Abatements Allowed.*—This form is for the use of the assessors in reporting abatements to the accounting officer so that he may credit the collector with these items in addition to his cash payments to the treasurer. On the accounting officer's book, the collector is charged with the commitment and credited with collections paid the treasurer; if to the collections are added abatements allowed, the accounting officer's ledger will show, in his collector's account, the exact amount of outstanding taxes.

*Voucher Folder.*—This form is for the use of the town accounting officer and is designed for the purpose of securing uniformity in the filing of bills.

*General Department Payrolls.*—These are to be used by all departments, except the school department, in making up their weekly or monthly payrolls, and are designed for the purpose of securing uniformity in the payrolls of all departments.

*School Department Payrolls.*—These are especially designed for the use of the school department, provision being made for showing the gross amount of salary due teacher or employee, the amount of deduction on account of the retirement fund, the net amount received by each person and the total amount to be sent to the treasurer of the retirement fund.

*Monthly Statements.*—These forms are used by the town accounting officer in notifying each department of the warrants drawn against its appropriation and the balance subject to draft.

*Revenue.*—Upon receipt of notice from the town clerk of appropriations voted by the town to be raised by taxation, a journal entry should be made, debiting revenue and crediting the proper appropriation accounts. When the

tax warrant is delivered to the collector, this account should be credited and taxes debited.

At the close of the year, a journal entry should be made debiting all unexpended appropriation accounts (the object for which the appropriation was made having been completed) and crediting revenue. The estimated receipts account should also be closed out into the revenue account at the close of the year, and the revenue account closed into the excess and deficiency account.

*Estimated Receipts.*—The amount of estimated receipts deducted by the assessors in determining the amount to be raised by taxation should be debited to the estimated receipts account and the revenue account credited; as cash is received, estimated receipts should be credited and cash debited.

*Taxes.*—Upon the delivery of the assessors' warrant for the collection of taxes, a journal entry should be made debiting taxes with the total amount of the commitment and crediting revenue, state tax, county tax, state highway tax and overlay with the several amounts appearing in the warrant.

As money is paid into the town treasury, cash should be debited and the tax account credited. When abatements are granted by the assessors, a journal entry should be made crediting taxes and debiting overlay.

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts—State Aid.*—This account represents the amount due from the Commonwealth for State Aid disbursed during the previous year. Upon receipt of money from the State, cash should be debited and State Aid credited. At the close of the year a journal entry should be made debiting State Aid due from the Commonwealth and crediting the Departmental Revenue with the amount of State Aid disbursed during the year.

*Poor Department Accounts Receivable.*—When bills are sent to the State, cities and towns, or individuals, for aid

rendered paupers not having a settlement in the town, a journal entry should be made debiting the poor department accounts receivable and crediting departmental revenue with the amount of the charge; as cash is received, the accounts receivable account should be credited and cash debited.

The same procedure should be followed in the case of accounts receivable of all departments rendering bills for amounts due the town.

*Overlay.*—Whenever abatements are granted by the assessors, a journal entry should be made debiting overlay and crediting taxes for the amount of the abatements. Any balance in the overlay account in excess of the amount of the warrant remaining to be collected or abated should, by journal entry, be transferred to the overlay reserve fund.

*Overlay Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus).*—This account represents the surplus or difference between the overlay and the abatements granted by the assessors, and should be reserved for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses, as required by Section 25, Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

*Revenue Loans.*—Whenever loans are issued in anticipation of revenue, the cash account should be debited and the revenue loan account credited; when the loan is paid, a warrant should be drawn, revenue loan account debited and cash credited.

*Departmental Revenue (Not Available Until Collected).*—This account represents revenue of the several departments on account of charges for services rendered or materials furnished. At the end of each month the amount of cash received on account of departmental charges should be credited by journal entry to the estimated receipts account and departmental revenue should be debited.

*Net Bonded Debt.*—When debt is incurred by the issue of bonds or notes (for other than temporary revenue loans), a journal entry should be made debiting net bonded debt and crediting the specific loan account. When the bonds are paid, the specific loan account should be debited and net bonded debt credited.

*Trust Funds.*—When money is received the income of which is to be used for some specific purpose, cash should be debited and the special fund account credited. A warrant should be drawn authorizing the treasurer to deposit the amount in the savings bank, cash should be credited, and trust funds (cash and securities) debited.

As income is withdrawn from the bank, cash should be debited and the specific purpose for which the fund was created (such as library, cemetery, etc.), credited. At the end of the year, the income in excess of the withdrawals should be entered on the books by debiting trust funds (cash and securities) and crediting the specific fund account.

While engaged in the work of the audit and the installation of the system, uniform courtesy was extended by the various town officials, and on behalf of my assistants and myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,  
*Chief Examiner.*

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#### RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash balance January 1, 1926 . . . .	\$1,225.78	
Receipts . . . . .	193,387.95	
		<hr/> \$194,613.73
Payments . . . . .	\$187,790.47	
Cash balance December 31, 1925. . . .	6,823.26	
		<hr/> \$194,613.73

Cash Balance January 1, 1926....	\$6,823.26	
Receipts January 1 to March 15,		
1926 .....	12,060.22	
	<hr/>	\$18,883.48
Payments January 1 to March 15,		
1926 .....	\$13,259.62	
Cash Balance March 15, 1926....	5,623.86	
	<hr/>	<u>\$18,883.48</u>

## Milford National Bank:

Balance March 15, 1926, per		
bank statement .....	\$4,279.66	
Cash and memoranda on hand		
March 15, 1926 (verified)...	1,911.18	
	<hr/>	\$6,190.84
Outstanding checks March 15,		
1926, per list.....	\$566.98	
Cash balance per treasurer's		
cash book .....	5,623.86	
	<hr/>	<u>\$6,190.84</u>

## TAXES, 1921

Outstanding January 1, 1925.....	\$152.00	
Abatements .....	\$152.00	
	<hr/>	<u>\$152.00</u>

## TAXES, 1922

Outstanding January 1, 1925.....	\$315.90	
Payments to treasurer.....	\$315.90	
	<hr/>	<u>\$315.90</u>

## TAXES, 1923

Outstanding January 1, 1925.....	\$1,256.13	
Payments to treasurer.....	\$801.05	
Tax titles purchased by town....	455.08	
	<hr/>	<u>\$1,256.13</u>

## TAXES, 1924

Commitment per warrant.....	\$57,523.09	
Additional commitments .....	82.25	
		<hr/> \$57,605.34
Payments to treasurer:		
1924 .....	\$43,307.43	
1925 .....	12,344.20	
		<hr/> \$55,651.63
Abatements:		
1924 .....	\$271.95	
1925 .....	130.52	
		<hr/> 402.47
Tax titles purchased by town....	393.37	
Outstanding December 31, 1925...	1,157.87	
		<hr/> \$57,605.34
Outstanding January 1, 1926....	\$1,157.87	
Interest reported as taxes.....	.14	
		<hr/> \$1,158.01
Payments to treasurer:		
January 1, to March 15, 1926..	\$632.65	
Abatements .....	6.62	
Taxes reported as interest.....	3.80	
Posted on commitment,		
not on cash book.....	\$22.15	
Error in payment to		
treasurer .....	.02	
		<hr/> \$22.17
Less overpayments by col-		
lector .....	3.64	
		<hr/>
Due from collector March		
15, 1926 (paid treas-		
urer April 3, 1926....	18.53	
Outstanding March 15, 1926,		
per list .....	496.41	
		<hr/> \$1,158.01

## TAXES, 1925

Commitment per warrant.....	\$69,484.87	
Additional commitments .....	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$69,494.87
Payments to treasurer.....	\$51,205.24	
Abatements .....	249.75	
Tax titles purchased by town....	451.17	
Outstanding December 31, 1925..	17,588.71	
	<hr/>	\$69,494.87
Outstanding January 1, 1926....	\$17,588.71	
Additional commitment .....	6.00	
Interest reported as taxes.....	6.87	
	<hr/>	\$17,601.58
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 15, 1926.....	\$2,803.31	
Abatements January 1 to March 15, 1926 .....	30.00	
Outstanding March 15, 1926, per list .....	14,764.96	
Due from collector (paid treas- urer April 3, 1926) .....	3.31	
	<hr/>	\$17,601.58

## TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1925.....	\$160.25	
Tax titles purchased by town:		
Levy of 1923.....	\$455.08	
Costs and interest.....	183.28	
	<hr/>	638.36
Taxes on property held by town under tax titles:		
Levy of 1924.....	\$393.37	
Levy of 1925.....	451.17	
	<hr/>	844.54
	<hr/>	\$1,643.15

Redemptions .....	\$60.78	
Balance December 31, 1925.....	1,582.37	
		<u>\$1,643.15</u>
Balance January 1, 1926.....		\$1,582.37
Redemptions January 1 to March 15, 1926 .....	\$64.56	
Balance March 15, 1926, per list.	1,517.81	
		<u>\$1,582.37</u>

## DOG LICENSES

## Licenses issued 1925:

Males, 291 @ \$2.00.....	\$582.00	
Females, 58 @ \$5.00.....	290.00	
Breeders, 1 @ \$25.00.....	25.00	
		<u>\$897.00</u>

## Payments to county treasurer:

June 1, 1925.....	\$252.20	
December 1, 1925.....	574.80	
		<u>\$827.00</u>

Fees retained, 350 @ 20 cents...	70.00	
		<u>\$897.00</u>

## Licenses issued January 1 to March 31, 1926:

Males, 15 @ \$2.00.....	\$30.00	
Cash on hand March 31, 1926....	\$30.00	
		<u>\$30.00</u>

## HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

## Licenses issued January 1 to March 31, 1926:

Resident citizens' sporting, 32 @ \$2.25 .....	\$72.00	
Resident citizens' trapping, 2 @ \$2.25 .....	4.50	
Alien sporting, 1 @ \$15.25.....	15.25	
Non-resident citizens' sporting, 1 @ \$15.25.....	15.25	
		<u>\$107.00</u>

Payment to Department of Fisheries and Game:

February 1, 1926.....	\$92.00	
Fees retained, 36 @ 25 cents....	9.00	
Cash on hand March 31, 1926....	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$107.00
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

*Alfred H. Nash, Sealer*

Sealing Fees April 3 to December 31, 1925 .....		\$29.60
Payments to treasurer.....	\$20.13	
Cash on hand December 31, 1925.	9.47	
	<hr/>	\$29.60
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Cash on hand January 1, 1926....	\$9.47	
Sealing fees January 1 to March 23, 1926 .....	5.50	
	<hr/>	\$14.97
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 23, 1926.....	\$9.90	
Cash on hand March 23, 1926....	5.07	
	<hr/>	\$14.97
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POOR FARM

Receipts 1925:

Sale of milk.....	\$826.49	
Sale of cattle.....	171.50	
Sale of wood.....	627.85	
Sale of chickens.....	41.25	
Sale of produce.....	10.00	
Use of horse and cart.....	72.60	
Highway department.....	9.68	
All other .....	19.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,778.37
Payments to treasurer.....		\$1,778.37
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Receipts January 1 to March 31,  
1926:

Sale of milk.....	\$261.71	
Sale of cattle.....	64.25	
Sale of wood.....	83.00	
	<hr/>	\$408.96

Due from Superintendent of farm:

Paid treasurer March 31, 1926..	\$326.21	
Cash on hand March 31, 1926..	82.75	
	<hr/>	\$408.96

LIBRARY

Fines .....	\$3.96	
Sale of old books.....	.75	
	<hr/>	\$4.71
Cash on hand December 31, 1925.		\$4.71
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Cash on hand January 1, 1926...		\$4.71
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 15, 1926.....		\$4.71
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## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1925.....	\$3,789.71	\$3,789.71
On hand December 31, 1925.....	\$3,927.02	\$3,927.02
On hand March 15, 1926.....	\$4,237.02	\$4,237.02

1925		
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS
Interest and income earned..	\$175.31	Added to savings bank de-
Bequests .....	125.00	posits .....
		\$137.31
		Expended for care.....
		163.00
Total .....	\$300.31	Total .....
		\$300.31

January 1 to March 15, 1926		
Bequests .....	\$310.00	Added to savings bank de-
		posits .....
		\$310.00
Total .....	\$310.00	Total .....
		\$310.00

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## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash .....	\$6,823.26	Temporary Loans:	
Accounts Receivable:		Anticipation of Revenue.....	\$20,000.00
Taxes—		Surplus War Bonus.....	1,132.55
Levy of 1924.....	\$1,157.87	Appropriation Balances:	
Levy of 1925.....	17,588.71	Highway Construction—	
Tax Titles .....		North Main Street.....	\$4,849.74
Departmental Accounts Receivable:		South Main Street.....	1,316.15
State Aid—Highways .....	\$2,837.76	Salisbury Street Drain.....	1,000.00
County Aid—Highways.....	7,700.47		
Due from State:		Overlay—reserved for abatements:	
Mothers' Aid .....	\$1,300.00	Levy of 1924.....	\$825.69
State Aid .....	162.00	Levy of 1925.....	1,193.07
Overdrawn Accounts:		Overlay Surplus .....	
Board of Health.....	\$24.40	Tax Title Reserve.....	2,693.12
Guide Boards .....	16.72	Surplus Revenue .....	1,582.37
Schools .....	3.17		5,002.17
Incidentals .....	132.18		
Contingency and Deficiency Fund..	14.27		
Interest .....	251.68		
	442.42		

\$39,594.86

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt..... \$22,500.00

Schoolhouse Loan .....

\$22,500.00

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:

Cash and Securities.....

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.....

\$3,927.02

\$3,927.02

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